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# **A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) – Gu Man (顾漫) : Introduction**

**A Slight Smile is Very Charming** If I knew that, one day, I would love you this much, then I would have definitely fallen in love with you at first sight.



I am happy to announce our next project, A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) by Gu Man (顾漫). It is a cute and upbeat love story. No angst.

No waiting in despair. Just a story of two people who meet in an unconventional way and become a part of each other's lives. What I love about this novel is that not only is the male lead handsome and smart, the female lead can also hold a candle to him in both beauty and brains. Together, they are quite a formidable pair, spicing up the lives of those around them.

The title of the book is actually a play on the name of the main female character, Wei Wei (微微). And the archaic meaning of Qing Chen (倾城) is

*A drop-dead gorgeous woman; a beauty who could drive a man to distraction; a woman so beautiful, that he might be tempted to ignore his duties at court, and thus bring about the downfall of his empire. –*

[Wordsense](#)

In that sense, the name of this novel also can mean “It is Very Charming When Wei Wei Smiles” or “Wei Wei is Drop-Dead Gorgeous When She Smiles.”

While this story is much shorter than Li Chuan's Past (by about half), it's actually a bit more difficult to translate. However, I fully agree with this praise of the book: “A story that you read for a minute and will happy love it. A story that you read a hundred times and will still smile over it.” I can't count how many times I've read the novel and listened to the audio books anymore. It's brought a great deal of smile and laughter to me. So, please bear with us as we work our way through this project and share this lovely story with you.

[EXCERPT]

She looks at the bike, looks at Great Master, then, the beautiful Wei Wei stutters, “This, this, I...”

Xiao Nai frowns slightly.

Wei Wei composes herself, “...You'll take me?”

“Uh huh, then would you walk such a long distance?”

Walking the long distance to the basketball court is, of course, frightening. But, but, what's more frightening is if you take me!!!

Wei Wei grieves in indignation!



**This older schoolmate, with your great reputation plus her small reputation, doesn't riding on a bike like this cause romance rumors to spread immediately! Although they apparently, vaguely, seem to be suspiciously taking a step towards the romance side, right now, at this moment, they are more innocent than the most innocent of lambs....**

**"This, this isn't too appropriate, right? Other people will misunderstand when they see us." Wei Wei tries hard to gracefully turn it down. Her ears are already starting to become a bit pink.**

**"Misunderstand?"**

**Can it be that he doesn't understand? Wei Wei is forced to summon up her courage to say it directly, "Misunderstand that we are eh, in that kind of relationship..."**

**Xiao Nai calmly gazes at her without speaking for quite a while. Indescribably, Wei Wei starts feeling nervous...Did she say something wrong?**

**Just as she starts feeling more and more nervous, Xiao Nai finally, slowly speaks, "When were we not in that kind of relationship?"**

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 1

## Part 1: Got dumped >\_\_\_\_<

“Wei Wei, come to (*Emotionally*) Unmoved Island, and let’s get a divorce.”

The moment Bei Wei Wei goes online, she sees this message from her online “husband” RealWaterIsScentless. Wei Wei is a bit dumbstruck. No way, the dorm’s broadband took half a month to repair, which is only ten days or so, but he already has a change of heart?

Wei Wei replies after a while: “Why?”

RealWaterIsScentless: “Wei Wei, I’m sorry. Please don’t ask why. I’ll send you a divine gear item as compensation.”

There’s even alimony? Wei Wei feels a bit helpless: “It’s okay.”

Marriage in games is never for real. She married RealWaterIsScentless so that they could complete quests since some of them can only be completed by married couples. It is also the reason why many single guys and girls in the guild got married. RealWaterIsScentless sent her a message asking if she wanted to marry him, and she agreed without thinking much of it.

They’ve been married for half a year now. Although Wei Wei has never been loving and affectionately calling him “hubby” and has always called him by his full name, they’ve been highly compatible. After battling alongside each other for so long, they’ve rather grown a strong sense of comradery.

After all, it’s a game.....

Wei Wei replies: “I’ll go there immediately.”

Wei Wei’s avatar, “ReedWeiWei (*HumbleReed*),” hops onto a horse and gallops towards Unmoved Island.

ReedWeiWei is a powerfully adorned heroine in red.

This online game, “Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes,” that Wei Wei is playing,

is the hottest WuXia (*martial arts*) online game on the market. There actually isn't anything special about the game other than its beautifully crafted sceneries and its large collection of avatars available; there are eighteen different avatars for guys and girls each. Wei Wei's heroine in red is less commonly chosen; not that it isn't pretty, it's because her weapon is a large saber.

In comparison to the elegant flute made of jade, the snow white colored dancing ribbons, the lightweight soft sword, or the [Emeici](#) (*daggers*), the large saber truly lacks beauty and femininity, so not many girls pick it, but Wei Wei likes it. Wei Wei feels that it's tough and matches her image.

After arriving at Unmoved Island, they drink a cup of Unmoved Water, and the system bot announces: "RealWaterIsScentless's love has broken and are now divorced. They no longer have any ties together."

RealWaterIsScentless wants to give Wei Wei a divine equipment item, but Wei Wei clicks on cancel and doesn't accept it. She sends him a smiley face and the red clothed heroine walks away fearlessly.

In the afternoon of the next day, Wei Wei goes online again after eating lunch. StormGoddessNiNi (*StormGoddessGirl*), a girl in the guild who is rather close with Wei Wei, sends her a message: "Wei Wei, what happened? You and RealWater are divorced? I heard that he is getting married with LittleRainYaoYao (*LittleRainEnchantress*) at eight o'clock tonight!"

Wei Wei: "....."

StormGoddessNiNi: "You guys are really divorced?"

Wei Wei: "Yeah."

StormGoddessNiNi: "How unfortunate. RealWater is a pretty good guy. I never thought that he would be spellbound by beauty, but that LittleRainYaoYao is indeed quite pretty."

Ni Ni obviously isn't saying how pretty her avatar is, but in real life. Three months ago, the gaming company held a real life voting contest with the gamers; top three gamers got top level gears. LittleRainYaoYao uploaded a few photos and a video clip and won by huge popularity; the results immediately shook the local server that Wei Wei was playing on; LittleRainYaoYao became the target for

drooling over on by many lecherous guys playing on the same server.

Her ex-husband is now marrying another girl in a blink of an eye. Although she and RealWater were more like teammates, Wei Wei still couldn't help but feel depressed. She bangs her head on the table (this is what she does when she is depressed...) and yells, "How can you be like this!? How can you choose beauty by appearance and not from within!!!!"

Wei Wei didn't shout like that in the game, she shouted in her dorm room, so the bunker above immediately threw pillows at her.

"Bei Wei Wei! How can a true beauty like you say that out loud! What are the rest of us going to do?"

That's right. Bei Wei Wei is a beauty; a super pretty girl. But there are many types of pretty girls; some are elegant, some are intelligent, some are sweet, some are gentle, some are virtuous.....

And there are some like Wei Wei, who are——only good for looks.....

Even though Wei Wei has been studying hard to become the smart kind, but.....

With enchanting eyebrows, captivating eyes, lips that are always red, and a hot body, even if Bei Wei Wei wears the humiliating university of science and engineering school uniform, no one would really believe that she is a student from this brand-name university.

Wei Wei suddenly remembers other hateful things in life, so she continues to bang her head on the table.

Meanwhile on the computer, StormGoddessNiNi continues to gossip: "Before, I heard that LittleRainYaoYao wanted to marry someone on the leaderboard, but I didn't know that she would be with RealWater. Then again, I saw RealWater and her going on quests together a lot recently."

Just as she thought, they had an affair while she was away. Wei Wei sends a gloomy burnt face over.

"You can't really blame RealWater, Wei Wei. Actually..."

"What actually?" Wei Wei stops banging her head, grabs a cup of water, and

types with one hand.

“Actually.....you’re so good at playing and you’re ranked sixth on the [PK \(battle\)](#) leaderboard. Furthermore, you never ask guys for new gears, so a lot of gamers suspect that you’re a [crossplayer](#)!”

“Pfft!” Wei Wei spurts water all over the screen.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 2

Part 2: Wei Wei kidnaps the groom? ◎\_\_\_\_\_◎

8:30 PM on the dot.

The heroine in red, with a sword on her back, stands majestically on [Vermillion Bird Bridge](#) in [Chang'an](#) City.

This is the spot that the marriage sedan must pass through during weddings.

Getting married in “Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes” can either be very luxurious or very plain and simple. At the time, when Wei Wei and RealWater got married, it was very plain and simple because they were poor. They just went to [Yue Lao](#) (*God of marriage and love*) and got notarized. Plus, they got married in order to do a quest, so they didn’t really care about holding a celebration.

But today, RealWater and LittleRainYaoYao’s wedding scene is, undoubtedly, crazy luxurious.

There are hundreds of fireworks, gongs and drums to clear the way, eight person supported marriage sedan to parade through the streets, and an entire top notch restaurant booked for the wedding reception. It is said that everyone at the wedding reception will be sent a red envelope gift of 888 Gold.

In the game, there has already been continuous discussion about this wedding already. After all, LittleRainYaoYao has a reputation and RealWaterIsScentless isn’t a nameless character either. It is said even players from other servers were alerted about it. Some even created a new smurf (*alternate, low-level*) account to come and see the wedding.

On Vermillion Bird Bridge, the heroine in red continues to stand there without moving, her slim figure emitting an austere expression.

At this very moment, the World (*chat*) channel is already exploding.

[World][BlowingFlowersRainingFlowers]: Does everyone see that? I see

RealWaterIsScentless' ex-wife standing on Vermillion Bird Bridge!

[World][MeLoveYou]: I see it, Me sees it.

[World][SpringGreenUnderBrokenHeartedBridge]: I see it. *sigh*, I think her figure looks very sad. *sigh* In this world, one always sees the newlyweds smile, and never sees the former person cry.

[World][OhHaHa]: WTF! I see martian language again. Old fellow, here, hates martian language the most (*internet slang*)

[World][©olo©]: I saw it already earlier. I'm standing right next to her. Wow! There's going to be some excitement to see today! I think she's going to kidnap the groom.

[World][CheapskateChillsNineProvinces]: Support ReedWeiWei in kidnapping the groom!!! Give LittleRainYaoYao back to me!!!

[World][MeLoveYou]: What's wrong with martian language? Is earth language that much better? You're discriminating against martians

[World][ChocolateMilkTea]: Support ReedWeiWei in kidnapping the groom! Take a hike Cheapskate, LittleRainYaoYao is mine!

[World][OhHaHa]: ...

Following that, those who want to fight for justice appears.

[World][anny]: Even though LittleRainYaoYao is a beauty, I still have to say that she is in the wrong for this, stealing someone else's husband and showing off like this. Isn't she afraid of heaven's punishment?

[World][ThunderboltCallsWow]: That's right, ReedWeiWei is a really good person, and righteous.

[World][SpringGreenUnderBrokenHeartedBridge]: Look at Reed, so broken hearted to the point of speechlessness.

[World][RiceStraw520]: The other woman (*of an affair*)...over a beautiful woman...there is no need

[World][LittleRainYaoYaolsShameless 108]: Hey hey, why is she showing off so much? Of course, she needs to present herself after stealing someone else's

husband. LittleRainYaoYao is shameless shameless shameless shameless  
shameless shameless shameless shameless, ¥%%¥✕x...(Profanity has been  
blocked by the system bot)

This “LittleRainYaoYaoIsShameless 108” is LittleRainYaoYao’s arch-enemy. Don’t know what huge grudge there is, but he (*gender neutral*) will come out and scold her normally when there’s nothing going on. It is said that he’s been killed many times, but the more times he’s killed, the braver he is. When he gets banned, he just registers again. It is said that the number behind his ID represents how many times he’s been banned.

Whenever that person comes out, LittleRainYaoYao's friends and family group also cannot keep it in anymore.

[World][LittleRainFeiFei (*LittleRainSnowfall*)]: Who is shameless! Shut up! Also, who says YaoYao is the other woman. Don't think so highly of yourself! Are you even qualified enough for our YaoYao to be your other woman!!!

[World][LittleRainQingQing]: Who wants to steal the groom? Just come and try. Don't think just because you're on the PK leaderboard that you're so awesome. Our entire LittleRain clan is here. We're only afraid that no one will come and try!

[World][wsn]: Women who get on the PK leaderboard must be beached whales, RealWater's made the right choice.

As the World channel continues to explode, the players all run to Vermillion Bird Bridge.

Bei Wei Wei comes out of the bathroom, walks to her own computer, and this is the scene she sees: Surrounding the heroine in red the people are jam-packed, layer upon layer. But they had a very tact understanding, leaving a circle around the heroine in red, allowing the heroine in red to stand there alone. A desolate figure standing in the middle.

[illegible]



kidnapping the groom! Support ReedWeiWei in kidnapping the groom! Support ReedWeiWei in kidnapping the groom!”

Wei Wei is dumbstruck.

She only just went into the game, stood on Vermillion Bird Bridge, and then went to the bathroom. It didn’t even take more than five minutes. What happened?

That’s right, one can steal the groom or bride in the game. But, first of all, you need to pay a huge cost to the system bot. Second of all, you have to win three straight PK battles. And then the person being kidnapped needs to consent...If the other person doesn’t consent, stealing the groom or bride is still deemed as a loss. So, besides those who have completely fallen into the abyss of love, only a brain-dead person would try to steal the groom or bride.

What did she do to allow others to misunderstand that she is going to kidnap the groom?

Wei Wei looks around speechlessly pondering to herself, if she madly rushes off right now, will this crowd of people believe that she rushed off because she is heartbroken?

While Wei Wei is struggling over whether to rush off or not, she clicks on her friend boxes that keep popping up. They are all from her friends inquiring what is going on. Wei Wei does not reply to a single one. Closing all of them. Inside her Guild channel is also continuous discussion. Most of the men support RealWater, the women support Wei Wei. There are even some people trying to convince Wei Wei not to take it too hard. They are of the same guild and should not cut the ties so completely.

At this time, a friend box pops up again. Wei Wei opens it, it is from RealWaterIsScentless. From his rude tone, he is also probably a little angry. “What’s happening, weren’t you very straightforward yesterday? Plus, I also gave you compensation. You’re the one who didn’t want it.”

Wei Wei wants to cry, yet has no tears. She powerlessly types back, “Classmate, I am...only...here...to...check out...the excitement.....”

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## COMMENTS

Like always, we try to make our translations both flow well and be as true to the original meaning as possible. But, some times it needs a bit of help, so please note that we have switched to making our translation comments italicized to differentiate from the things that the author adds in parenthesis.

For those who have never played an online game or this type of game (mmorpg), this chapter might have been a bit confusing. Let me give a brief generalized explanation about the group system that will appear frequently in this novel.

There are a few different chat channels/groups of people in the game:

**World** : The world means anyone playing in that “world” or server. In the chat context, all players in the game on that server at the time will be able to see the messages written to the world.

**Guild** : A guild is a generally a group of people, whether they are online or offline, who regularly play together. Similar to a club. There are officers and different positions players can take. In most games, only when guild members are online can they see messages written to the entire guild.

**Clan** : A clan and guild are frequently used interchangeably. In this novel’s context, a guild is like your friends and extended relatives, while a clan is your immediate family, the ones you hang around with commonly, and are generally part of the same guild. The chat visibility for this type of group depends on the game. An example is the LittleRain clan. As you might have noticed, they all have their clan name in their username (handle/id) at the beginning.

**Party** : A party or team is a small group of people that can change depending on quests, such as a group of four people going off to fight a monster or two people going to search for an item.

**Local** : The people in your avatar’s (character’s) vicinity on screen. Only those then and there are allowed to see the messages typed to local.

In addition to these groups, players can also receive direct messages from their friends and other players.

Hopefully, this was a little bit useful for those who never played these types of games. Welcome to online gaming 101.

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# **A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 3**

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Wei Wei has no way out of this dilemma. To run away and escape isn't very heroine like. Standing there seems very much like a bandit. Thus, Wei Wei makes a quick-witted decision. She pulls up her clothes and sits down.

When characters sit down in "Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes," they can rest, they can meditate to built up their inner powers, and another kind is like what Wei Wei is doing right now — sit down to set up a vendor stall for selling items.

When Wei Wei types out the stall name, "Medicine Convenience Store", all the players around her cannot help but be speechless. Wei Wei quickly types out a 'yell': "Come and see, take a look, fresh out of the oven medicine made by a max level healer, selling it cheap at 20% off!"

Once this sentence comes out, all the players originally waiting to see the excitement, suddenly become fervent.

It must be a joke, there are no system bot run medicine stores that sell medicine made by max level healers, and only once in awhile can you get a drop from a monster. They are priceless valuables. Even though there are quite a few max level healers, they only serve their own guild. Very few ever bring out their own medicine to sell. Unexpectedly, there is cheap max level medicine being sold right now! The players on Vermillion Bird Bridge become excited and, immediately, rush up. In a blink of an eye, they drown out the heroine in red's small figure.

The marriage sedan comes and the marriage sedan quickly leaves. For some reason, the marriage sedan that has been slowly proceeding the entire time, suddenly speeds up as it reaches Vermillion Bird Bridge. In a flash, it disappears at the other end of the bridge.

In the scramble for them, Wei Wei's medicine is also sold out in a flash. Seeing there is no more excitement to see, the players scattered one after another. The lively Vermillion Bird Bridge that few people normally come to unless there is a wedding regains its loneliness.

Wei Wei closes her shop and stands up. She is just about to leave when she sees someone at the end of the bridge calling her.

"ReedWeiWei (*HumbleReed*)."

Wei Wei looks over at that player.

That person is standing under the willow tree planted on the side of the end of the bridge. The gentle wind lightly brushes the willow branches. The man underneath the tree is wearing a spotless white robe and holding a [guqin](#). The sleeve of his robe floats in the wind, like he's free and unrestrained.

Wei Wei's eyes are already hypnotized.

Of course, she isn't hypnotized because the man in white is very handsome. Even though he is very handsome, this figure in white with a guqin isn't uncommon in the game. After seeing a lot of them, one becomes insensitive to it.

Rather, it is because of the man's name.

ASmileNaiHe (*WhyNotJustSmile.*)

The server's top master, ASmileNaiHe.

In this game, to be called a top master, not only does one's level need to be high, he must have powerful equipment, be fierce at PK, must have accurate [APM \(actions per minute\)](#), and, the most critical point is, must have lots of (*real*) money.

That's why, when ReedWeiWei first sees ASmileNaiHe, she can't help but emit hearts from her eyes and continuously emit gold coins.

Great Master!

Idol!

Bankroller!

Wei Wei runs down the bridge, types a smiley face: "It's an honor to meet you at last, Brother NaiHe. Were you calling me?"

ASmileNaiHe makes an "mmm" sound, and then the system bot prompts Wei Wei: "ASmileNaiHe added you as a friend."

Wei Wei quickly clicks accept and, conveniently, adds ASmileNaiHe. It isn't this easy to add ASmileNaiHe. The friend list of top-notch masters is usually closed all year round. Sometimes, when Wei Wei adds too many people, she also closes it.

After a moment, ASmileNaiHe sends a message over: “What did you think about the wedding ceremony?”

Wei Wei feels a little embarrassed. Can it be that Great Master is also here to gossip? Wei Wei replies diplomatically, “It was very grand.”

ASmileNaiHe: “Then do you want an even grander wedding ceremony?”

Wei Wei is stupified.

ASmileNaiHe: “Get married to me.”

Wei Wei feels that it is great she isn’t drinking water today. Otherwise, the monitor will probably have been sprayed with water again. With lingering fear in her, Wei Wei moves the cup of tea next to her hand a little farther and looks at the screen.

On the screen, ASmileNaiHe’s avatar is still quietly standing under the willow tree, quite elegantly and at ease. Wei Wei looks for quite a while before sending over: “Great Master...did your account get stolen? = =”

It is clear, ASmileNaiHe does not really appreciate Wei Wei’s humor and sends a rare “silent” emoticon: “Did you see the newest announcement, on the official site, about the (*Married*) Couple PK Competition?”

Wei Wei: “Wait, I’ll go take a look.”

Wei Wei opens the official site, and sees the large words “Couple PK Competition” right away. She quickly skims it over and, more or less, understands it. Couple PK Competition, as the name implies, consists of a married couple entering the PK competition together. The couples who enter will first PK in their own server and then the top three of each server will be guaranteed a reward. Then, the winning couple from each server will PK with those from other servers. The top three of that will receive ultimate rewards. Furthermore, the grand prize is so abundant it makes Wei Wei drool fall a meter.

Wei Wei: “You looked for me for this PK competition?”

ASmileNaiHe: “Mmm.”

Wei Wei: “*speechless*, why look for me?”

ASmileNaiHe doesn’t waste words either: “You are the only female player in



the top ten of the PK leaderboard.”

Wei Wei is a bit touched. This Mr. NaiHe is actually a very strong person. He is number one on the PK leaderboard, number one on the wealth leaderboard, and his weapons and pets are all on the deity level. If she joins hands with him, the server’s number one, there is at least half a guarantee of winning. But, the first time she got married was for a quest. Can she really get married the second time for PK?

Wei Wei can’t help but be speechless.

But, then again, if it isn’t for quests or PK, then why does she get married to strangers? Plus, the reward is so generous...

Wei Wei clenches her teeth: “Let’s get married!”

Since she has made the decision, Wei Wei is very straightforward: “Come on, let’s join up as a party to go visit Yue Lao.”

“Wait.”

“What is is?” Is it that she agreed too straightforwardly and Mr. Nai He is scared off instead — —

But, it is evidently not like what Wei Wei thinks, ASmileNaiHe says: “I need to make some preparations. In three days. At eight o’clock.”

Wei Wei stares blankly, then quickly types: “Prepare what?”

“Wedding ceremony.”

Wei Wei: “Just a notarization is good enough. It’s just a wedding for a competition. It doesn’t need to be too grand, does it?”

ASmileNaiHe: “No, how can my, ASmileNaiHe’s, wedding be casual?”

Wei Wei: “...”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 4

## Part 4: Eve of the wedding

Since the decision to get married is already made, then everyone is considered to be acquaintances.

Sigh, this sentence's logic seems a bit weird...

Thus, during the following two days Wei Wei goes along with ASmileNaiHe and even joins ASmileNaiHe's regular party. NaiHe's party also consists of all masters. A couple of them have PKed with Wei Wei before, but she only knows them by their IDs anyway.

The first time Wei Wei meets up with them is like this.

MonkeyWine: "Hoho, new person."

[YuGongClimbsAMountain](#): "NaiHe, who is this girl?"

ASmileNaiHe: "My fiancée."

He says it quite naturally. Wei Wei becomes speechless for a bit, and then types out a smiley face: "Hi, everyone ^\_^"

MoZhaHim (*Don'tHitHim*): "Wow, third sister-in-law."

YuGongClimbsAMountain: "Bull, the ten thousand year bachelor is also going to get married."

Everyone starts talking at once, teasing them and congratulating them. Suddenly, someone says: "Third sister-in-law's ID is a bit familiar."

"Now that you say it, I also think so. Is third sister-in-law on the leaderboards?"

Frank and outspoken, MonkeyWine says: "I remember now. Isn't ReedWeiWei, RealWaterIsScentless' ex-wife?"

The party immediately becomes quiet and the atmosphere became a bit odd. Just as Wei Wei is about to say that they are getting married because of the PK

competition, she sees NaiHe, very flatly type out a line: “Mmm, your third sister-in-law actually married the wrong person before. Don’t discriminate against her, everyone.”

Wei Wei is choked by her potato chip.

Since then, Wei Wei is aware of one thing — when battling monsters or doing quests with brother NaiHe, never, ever, eat snacks or drink water. Otherwise, as soon as he says something astonishing, it’s either her being choked or the monitor being sprayed.

To kill bosses and complete quests with this group of people is really enjoyable. First of all, everyone gets along with each other. Secondly, their efficiency is really high. Before, when Wei Wei and people in her guild created parties, they took a really long time to kill the boss. Now, in a short time, it is done. Speaking of this, ASmileNaiHe needs to be mentioned. His profession is that of a (*Stringed Instrument*) Musician. The Musician profession in “Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes” is a bit awkward. They are those who can do a bit of everything, but are not experts at anything. Simply put, he can cut, can perform AoE (*Area of Effect aka multiple target*) attacks, can assist attacks, and can heal. But his attacks are not as good as a Swordsman, his assists and healing are not as good as specialized support characters. Honestly, they are weak and of little value.

But with Great Master NaiHe, it is different.

Great Master Naihe’s healing ability is not the least inferior compared to a specialized healer. And he has great speed and accuracy in his APM (*actions per minute*), none of his teammates have a need to worry, nor do they have to look after him. Once, when the boss they were fighting was close to dying, ASmileNaiHe, who had been playing the healer position, suddenly took out a sword from the middle of his guqin and, using the Sword Within the Guqin pierced the boss with a fatal blow. Atop the boss’s head huge red words appeared, and then with a loud bang, it fell to the ground.

The Sword Within the Guqin is the Musician’s only attack ability. Wei Wei had seen it many times before, but had never seen it do so much damage before. It was almost as powerful as hers. Wei Wei was jealous almost to the point of tears. It must be his equipment that was too powerful, Ah Ah Ah!

With this as precedent, when Wei Wei sees ASmileNaiHe's pet for the first time, she already can't figure out what to think.

NaiHe's pet is a white kitten.

Wei Wei's pet is an impressive tiger.

When a tiger can't even beat a kitten, how can Wei Wei know what to think.

In contrast, NaiHe, after carefully looking over Wei Wei's pet for a long time, said: "After we get married, our pets can also get married."

Pets getting married is another feature in "Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes" that is different from other online games. After a male and female player gets married, if their pets are of the same breed, the pets can also get married and gain a small ability. It is said that after certain conditions are met, they can even produce an offspring.

Wei Wei says: "But they aren't the same breed."

ASmileNaiHe says: "Mine is an amorphous cub."

So this kitten is also a tiger. No wonder it has "King" (王) written on its forehead. Wei Wei finally finds back a bit of self-esteem. A tiger losing to a tiger doesn't count as too embarrassing.

"Okay, okay, let them get married." Wei Wei happily says. His kitten is a spirit pet while hers is just an ordinary tiger she caught herself. No matter how you look at it, hers is climbing up the ladder. Wei Wei casually asks: "Is your kitten female?"

"No, male."

"...My tiger is also male."

Wei Wei becomes dejected. As expected, it's hard for a spirit pet to take a wife.

The day of their wedding is a Saturday. In the morning, Wei Wei went to self-study at the library, as usual. Speaking of this, classmate Wei Wei is still very hardworking. She can't not be hardworking. At this kind of school, in this Computer Science kind of department, which student isn't smart? Just falling behind a little means taking a beating on your grade.

After studying until 4 in the afternoon, Wei Wei is a bit restless and keeps on looking at her watch. At 5, Wei Wei rapidly packs up her books and rushes towards the dining hall. After eating dinner, she returns to the dorm room and goes online. ASmileNaiHe is still not on. The names of the other members of the party are also dim. Leveling up manic, Bei Wei Wei, carries her large saber to go kill monsters. Just as she is happily killing, her roommates come back.

Wei Wei's dorm room is a four person room. Besides Wei Wei, there lives Xiao Ling, Si Si, and Er Xi, all a part of the Computer Science department. And the four of them are the only four sophomore females in the Computer Science department.

"Wei Wei, stop playing. It's almost 6, our department's basketball team is going against biochemistry department's team. Let's go see it together." Xiao Ling says as she changes her clothes.

Wei Wei shakes her head as she kills monsters, "You guys go, I'm busy today."

"Stop it, what can you be busy with. Isn't it just playing the game? Let's go, Da Zhong says that Xiao Nai will be coming."

"Oh! Really? Xiao Nai!!" Si Si and Er Xi both shout together.

Wei Wei's eyes also sparkle as she turns her head.

Even though this is the effect Xiao Ling wanted, when she sees her roommates being like that, "I can't stand you guys anymore. So obsessed (*with pretty/handsome men*). Look at Wei Wei, so calm."

Wei Wei quickly raises her hand, "Don't wrong me, I am also obsessed."

Honestly, the four girls in Wei Wei's dorm room are already considered the type who really doesn't become obsessed. But there is always someone in the world who will make people who don't obsess over them seem strange.

For example, Xiao Nai.

Xiao Nai of the Computer Science department. University A's finest, prominent person. If University A has leaderboards like in games, then Xiao Nai's rank is definitely expected to be number 1. Not even considering his shocking talent at writing computer software, in his more than three years here, he has lead a team

to obtain glory for their school at the ACM and other international programming competitions. He is also an expert at [guzheng](#) and [Go](#). And took gold for the school in swimming, and more. No one has hope of catching up to him. In addition, his looks are also elegant and refined, completely svelte and handsome. It's hard for anyone not to admire him.

But as much as they obsess over him, no girl in the department dares to go up and strike a conversation with him. One part, is because he doesn't come to the school very often, even though they are of the same department, they don't know him well. The other is that he really stands in an extremely high place and is truly too arrogant. His expression holds a sense of there being no one else but him, so people don't dare to get close.

Wei Wei has only seen him a few times from far away. One time, she saw him reject a girl from another department. That girl stopped him and handed him something like a letter. It was probably a love letter. But that person, not only didn't take the letter, his eyes didn't even glance at it and walked past without slowing down.

The strange part is that, even though he is that arrogant, his popularity with the guys isn't bad. All the guys in the department are very accepting of him. It is said that he has already started a company on the outside, a long time ago. Many experts in the department are scouted by him.

There are many more legends like this about him. A lot of them are even spread from the professors' side because his parents are professors in the history and archaeology departments. It's said that Xiao Nai's parents are both old-fashioned and are aloof from politics and material pursuits. But the genes changed once it got to Xiao Nai. In junior high, he knew to find his relatives for a joint venture in opening an internet cafe. At the time, computers weren't very popular. It was the best time to be in the internet cafe business. There is also a legend that he made a huge profit in the housing and stock markets. These stories come one after another and no one knows what is real.

Being a small fry in the Computer Science department, Wei Wei, of course, is also a part of the Great Master worshipers. There are a few really good software programs on her computer that the Great Master wrote in his free time in N year. Great Master is a senior this year, and she will definitely not see him at

school in the future. Wei Wei looks at the game — ASmileNaiHe's avatar is still dim. Then she looks at the time, 5:40. She makes a quick decision and turns off her computer, rushing towards the basketball court with her friends.

When they arrive at the basketball court, there is already a hubbub. Xiao Ling's boyfriend, Da Zhong stands at the doors to meet them and takes them to reserved seats.

Xiao Ling looks around as she walks and says, "Da Zhong, where's Xiao Nai? Didn't you say he will be going on court?"

Da Zhong is dissatisfied, "Are you here to see me or Xiao ge (*older brother*)?" Da Zhong is the Computer Science department's basketball team's main rear guard.

Xiao Ling scorns him, "Of course, to see Xiao Nai. What is there to see about you?"

The other three girls nod together angering Da Zhong. He is dejected for a long time before saying, "Xiao ge will definitely not play. I'm not sure whether or not he will come. It seems like something came up."

The girls suddenly become disappointed. If their eyes were shining with 100 watts of light, there are probably only 10 watts left. But it is still okay, the exciting atmosphere in the basketball court quickly allows them to quickly become excited again.

Just as the game is about to begin, a tall guy wearing the Computer Science department's basketball jersey walks in front of them. To be precise, he walks in front of Wei Wei. With his head down, he seems as he wants to speak but can't. His ears are already red.

In their mind, Xiao Ling and others are already thinking of three words — Here comes another!

Indeed, after being embarrassed for a while, the tall and strong boy says, while stuttering, "Senior Wei Wei shi jie (*older fellow female student*), if we win, can I treat you to a meal?"

Wei Wei replies with a question, "Will you lose?"

“Of course not!” The boy raises his head sharply.

“Then, do your best!” Wei Wei shows a slight smile in the loving manner of an elder, encouraging the younger male student as an older fellow female student (?).

“Ok! Shi Jie! I will definitely win!”

The younger male student, with his morale boosted, runs onto the court, carrying the ball, to warm up.

“ ... ”

“ ... ”

“ ... ”

Above are Xiao Ling, Er Xi, and Si Si’s heartbeats.

Er Xi says, “This younger male student is really easy to trick.”

Si Si objects, “I hate this kind of immature kids who use the win of a game to threaten others. If Wei Wei rejected him and they lose, Wei Wei will be blamed.”

Xiao Ling, “Our Wei Wei’s method of rejection has become more and more awesome!”

Wei Wei laughs with two hehe sounds and feigns modesty, “I can’t help it, after so many times, it comes with practice.”

After that, someone was definitely beaten for being a perfect embodiment of annoying.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 5

## Part 5: The wedding

The Computer Science Department's team wins the game in the end and proceeds to the semifinals. The Computer Science department students cheer in victory, but Xiao Nai never shows up in the end, so the girls feel rather upset.

Wei Wei dashes back to her dorm room right after, logs into the game, and sees that ASmileNaiHe's (*WhyNotJustSmile*) avatar is already lit up in her friends list. Wei Wei sends him a message: "Sorry, I'm late."

ASmileNaiHe: "No problem. Come to [Yue Lao](#)'s temple" (*God of marriage and love*)

Wei Wei rides a horse to Yue Lao's temple, but she is shocked by the big crowd of people in front. Thankfully, there isn't as many people once she goes inside; only a few are standing and chatting to each other.

Wei Wei walks up to ASmileNaiHe: "How come there are so many people?" Wei Wei didn't call any of her friends to come because she didn't take this wedding seriously, as well as feeling a little embarrassed to tell others that she is getting married again so soon.

ASmileNaiHe says: "You ask them."

Wei Wei looks at the others, and one of them called, TimelyRain, says: "Heh heh, congrats, congrats. I told everyone who has nothing to do in our guild to come. It'll probably be a grand sight when they all ride their horses and follow behind the marriage sedan in a bit."

Another one says: "People from our guild also came."

TimelyRain says: "Everyone is waiting for NaiHe's red pockets, hahahaha."

Wei Wei feels extremely embarrassed. There are probably a couple hundred of people outside. Hopefully, NaiHe doesn't go bankrupt after giving out red envelopes to everybody.

Just at this moment, Wei Wei receives a trading request from ASmileNaiHe; a couple of equipment items are on the list. There isn't any need to review them in detail; just from their glow, she knows that they are all divine level items. Wei Wei asks in surprise, "This is?"

ASmileNaiHe says simply: "Betrothal gifts."

Is...Is this how it feels like when you hook up with a sugar daddy?

This is....This is truly, truly, truly fantastic!

Wei Wei quickly recovers from the excitement, calms down, and rejects the trading request. These equipment items are not cheap, and she isn't thick-skinned enough to the point of accepting other people's things.

ASmileNaiHe sends another message: "Accept it. You'll need it when we go PK."

So that's the reason. Wei Wei thinks for a second and accepts them; she then gives him her best equipment, a ring that boosts speed.

ASmileNaiHe types a question mark to her.

Wei Wei says: "My dowry."

Wei Wei blushes in front of her computer screen. She must have gotten used to being teased by members in the party enough, so she could actually say this out without hesitation. Furthermore, her "dowry" is incomparable to his "betrothal gifts." Wei Wei adds while feeling embarrassed: "It's not much. I'll give you more later."

ASmileNaiHe sends a smiley face: "Okay."

He then says: "You really only just need to come."

Wei Wei continues to blush.

After exchanging their betrothal gifts and dowry, they stand in front of Yue Lao's statue and perform the wedding rituals. The system bot announces: "ReedWeiWei (*HumbleReed*) and ASmileNaiHe are deeply in love. At Yue Lao's temple, they promise to be together and cherish each other forever, and never part."

Therefore, without any surprise, the world channel explodes again.....

Wei Wei sits inside the marriage sedan as it parades the streets and watches the other gamers flood the world channel. Since she is the bride and doesn't need to walk on foot, she has nothing to do, so she grabs a level 6th mock exam to practice ([\*College English Test\*](#)).

Everyone is talking about the two weddings that happened in the past three days on the world channel; some say good things about it, while others criticize. For example, someone makes fun by saying that ASmileNaiHe is picking up RealWaterIsScentless's old shoe (*loose woman*). Wei Wei ignores them all, but she decides to remember that person's ID and will give him a good beating every time she sees him from now on.

One of the gamers makes an interesting comment.

[World][Wedgie]:

"Groom, ASmileNaiHe vs RealWaterIsScentless, ASmileNaiHe wins!  
Bride, ReedWeiWei vs. LittleRainYaoYao (*LittleRainEnchantress*),  
LittleRainYaoYao wins!

Wedding ceremony, you can tell from just looking at the amount of fireworks, ASmileNaiHe wins completely!"

A familiar face suddenly shows up.

[World][YuGongClimbsAMountain]: "Who says that LittleRainYaoYao wins? Our third sister-in-law is way better than LittleRainYaoYao. If you don't believe it, let's PK."

[World][MonkeyWine]: "Come PK come PK come PK come PK come PK come PK come PK come PK!"

Wei Wei laughs her head off.

The parade is very slow. Wei Wei works on her mock exam while being distracted; she peeks at the game every once in a while, and she suddenly sees the following messages on the world channel.

[World][SnowflakesDrifting]: "I've seen ASmileNaiHe and LittleRainYaoYao together before."

[World][Troubles123]: “I’ve seen them too. I’ve seen them fighting monsters together. I think it was not long ago, maybe last week.”

[World][alexz]: “If that’s the case, could it be that ReedWeiWei was dumped by RealWaterIsScentless, and ASmileNaiHe was dumped by LittleRainYaoYao, so the two sad people are getting together to rebuild their family?”

[World][Walie]: “Then doesn’t this make ASmileNaiHe and ReedWeiWei a pair of resentful couple?”

NaiHe and LittleRainYaoYao know each other? They’ve even battled monsters together before?

Wei Wei bites on her ballpoint pen subconsciously.

Although they are getting married for PK battles, if both her ex-husband and current husband have been in a relationship with the same woman before, then that’s quite an entanglement. Wei Wei doesn’t like to keep things inside, so she asks NaiHe: “You and LittleRainYaoYao know each other?”

NaiHe responds: “No.”

Wei Wei hesitates a little before typing: “Someone said that they saw you two battling a monster together before.”

NaiHe: “That counts as knowing each other? YuGong added her to the team once, but her skills were awful, so I kicked her out.”

Wei Wei: “.....”

Although she shouldn’t.....Wei Wei can’t help but feel great ==

It’s time for the wedding banquet after parading the streets in the marriage sedan for over ten minutes. Wei Wei still feels pain in her heart about it; she went with NaiHe to make reservations at the restaurant, which was when she saw NaiHe paid for the highest priced package—the kind that will give all guests a 20% boost to their stats for that day.....

Why is he letting so many people eat for free? Wei Wei just doesn’t get it; she has never eaten for free at other people’s weddings herself.....

It’s not bothering her just a little bit~~~

The whole wedding banquet is basically a bunch of people come eat and go, another bunch of people come eat and go, and then another bunch of people come eat and go.....the wedding banquet ends at about 9pm or so. Wei Wei and NaiHe enter the bridechamber while their friends send them off.

When Wei Wei and RealWater got married, “Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes” did not have the “wedding night” part yet, this was recently added after the latest system update.

As long as the gaming couple stays in the groom’s bedroom for fifteen minutes, the wedding night is considered complete and their intimacy level will increase by N percent. After that, the couple can play it again once every day for ten minutes, which will continue to increase their intimacy level, but the percent of increase will not be as high as the wedding night; but the increase will also be higher during anniversaries (one month in the game).

“Dream Voyage’s” wedding night is very torturous; gamers cannot leave the room, meditate to increase their inner powers, or make medicines etcetera. They can only do two things——

One, stand and chat.

Two, sit and chat.

Therefore, many people call the wedding night as “pure chatting without going under the blanket” ——

As for Wei Wei’s wedding night, even chatting has been omitted because the moment they enter the bridechamber, ASmileNaiHe says: “Please wait, got a phone call.”

Wei Wei has nothing to do but walk around in NaiHe’s bedroom.

It’s the first time that Wei Wei is visiting NaiHe’s home. As expected, his house is also on the elite level; there are several rooms and a garden. Wei Wei’s house is no more than a woodshed when compared to his.

Wei Wei begins focusing on her level 6th mock exam again out of boredom.....

Wei Wei finishes the last question, lifts her head to look at the computer, and finds out that NaiHe has already come back. The white robe musician hops onto a horse; compared to his unrestrained elegance from before, he now looks bold

and dashing.

“Get on.”

Wei Wei joins NaiHe’s team. They ride on the same horse and pass through [Celestial Mountains](#) Snow Basins, [West Lake](#) Lake Bottom, Icy Snow Sea, and [Mount Penglai](#).....Wei Wei feels more and more strange about this. At first, she thought that NaiHe wanted to complete a quest together, but.....

Wei Wei can’t help but ask: “What are we doing?”

NaiHe: “Sightseeing.”

“.....”

No wonder all the places they’ve been to are beautiful sceneries. While feeling speechless, it sprang into her mind, so she says: “Could this be.....our honeymoon?”

She feels embarrassed right after saying it, but NaiHe doesn’t deny it. The scenery changes once again and NaiHe takes her to the top of the cloud forests. Watching the fog surround the mountains boundlessly is truly a beautiful and divine scenery. After holding it in herself for a long while, Wei Wei finally says: “.....Great Master, you are truly dedicated.”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 6

## Part 6: Wei Wei The Follower

Although they're now married, this is how Wei Wei thinks of their relationship. The Great Master and his follower.

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Of course, NaiHe is the Great Master while she is the follower who rushes to the front when monsters appear and runs all kinds of errands.....As to why Wei Wei feels this way, it is without a doubt due to that set of divine items.

After all, she can't just accept free items from somebody without giving back >0<. Therefore, Wei Wei decides to work hard to pay him back the debt!

Not much has changed after getting married; Wei Wei still spends most of her time with YuGong and the others to complete quests to level up. She and NaiHe only leave the team once in a while to have some time together as a couple.

And spending time together as a couple actually just means completing couple quests.

In "Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes," after a male and female player get married, they will gain three couple abilities. If they attack together, these three abilities will automatically boost their impact. Levelling up these three abilities will depend on the couple's intimacy level. In order to increase their intimacy level, other than wasting time in the bedroom, the most efficient way is to complete couple quests.

Male and female players can actually get married after reaching level 30, so for Wei Wei and ASmileNaiHe who married late, the beginning quests for couples are simply a piece of cake. The battles are so easy that Great Master NaiHe doesn't even have to fight; Wei Wei can handle them all by herself.

As a result, the most common image is the heroine in red slashing her saber in the front, while the white robed musician sits under a tree by the riverside

playing his guqin poetically.

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No matter what you say, the imagery is very beautiful and makes others envious.

Wei Wei and NaiHe head out for a quest again today; YuGongClimbsAMountain and MonkeyWine decide to join them to kill some time, but after watching a few fights, they find out that Wei Wei is the only one killing monsters while NaiHe walks around to enjoy the scenery and only helps Wei Wei restore her blood level every now and then. The two of them points at NaiHe in anger: “You’re so shameless, how can you hide behind sister-in-law and obtain experience level without doing anything!?”

NaiHe doesn’t feel any shame at all as he sends a sighing smiley and responds: “After you live off a woman long enough, you’ll gradually get used to it.” He then adds: “You guys, who don’t have a wife for protection, won’t understand.”

YuGongClimbsAMountain and MonkeyWine burst in outrage, so they quickly form a team to PK NaiHe, but unfortunately, they still lose to him despite it being two against one. They lie on the ground pretending to be dead and won’t get up. Wei Wei just happens to finish killing off the last monster; she accidentally steps over their “dead bodies” as she heads over – –

YuGongClimbsAMountain cries: “Sister-in-law, it’s enough that you don’t appreciate our help, but you even step over us. I won’t die in peace!”

MonkeyWine: “They truly are a couple with one heart. Other people really shouldn’t step in on someone else’s family matters.”

Wei Wei is lost without words. They must have been bullied by NaiHe again, so now they’re teasing her; once they start, there’s no end. Since the quest is complete anyway, Wei Wei quickly says: “I’m going to pick some herbal ingredients.”

She ditches NaiHe and flees.

Picking herbal ingredients in the game is very boring; you simply choose an area to collect from, stand there, and do nothing. Wei Wei continues doing her mock exam again as her avatar collects the herbs. Wei Wei applied for the level 6



exam this year; someone in the dorm had actually applied for it last year, but Wei Wei wasn't confident in getting good marks on it at the time, so she didn't apply then.

After collecting for a while, an avatar on her friends list starts blinking. She clicks to open; it's a message from NaiHe: "Come to the west side of the Celestial Mountains Snow Basins."

Wei Wei quickly goes over there.

Celestial Mountains Snow Basins is one of the highest leveled locations to date; the monsters there are vicious, so not many players go. Wei Wei immediately spots ASmileNaiHe on the west side of the snow basins; another male player stands beside him. However, the male player is emitting a green glow, as if a "body freeze" curse has been put on him.

The body freeze curse is a very high level and torturing spell. Once you have been cursed, you can't run away and can only stand there while getting beat up until the spell loses its effect. NaiHe's kitty has this ability. Just as she thought, NaiHe says once she walks over: "I used my pet to make him standstill. You can take your time to slash him slowly."

Wei Wei understands the slashing part, but: "Slowly?"

"Mm, switch to your duller weapon and slash him slowly bit by bit."

Bit by bit.....::sweat:: Does the Great Master hold a grudge on this person? Wei Wei takes a look at the player's ID, EvilBloodOath, and feels that it sounds familiar.

At this moment, EvilBloodOath starts to scold: "Holy! ASmileNaiHe! Old man here only laughed at you for picking up someone's old shoe. If you've got the guts, just kill me off. Why ask your woman to come torment me?"

Dumbstruck!

Wei Wei remembers. No wonder the ID sounds familiar; it's the player who laughed at ASmileNaiHe for picking up RealWaterIsScentless's old shoe on the world channel on their wedding day. She especially remembered his ID for it, thinking that she would beat him up every time she saw him. But she has been too happy playing in the game and forgot about it.

Wei Wei shifts her gaze to ASmileNaiHe whose white robe is swaying by the gentle breeze. She didn't think he would notice; not only did he notice, he even remembered it. He didn't even let her know beforehand, as if it wasn't anything serious.....

Wei Wei notes to herself that she must never offend the Great Master, and starts searching in her bag.

Seeing how Wei Wei still hasn't made any move, EvilBloodOath begins to feel hopeful, believing that women are softhearted and won't do anything to him. But in the next instant, he sees a big smiley face above her head with the line of words: "Haha, I found it. Good thing that I didn't throw away my beginners' gear!"

EvilBloodOath can't believe it; he watches the heroine slash him with a dull sword, and a red colored damage level number floats above his head — [1].

One point!

With his blood level that's over a couple thousands, this means that he'll be slashed a couple thousand times!

Wei Wei turns on auto control and watches her heroine in red slashing left and right happily. EvilBloodOath shouts at them non-stop; more or less asking ASmileNaiHe to give him a quick end.

"I have a bad mouth. Just kill me once and for all. Just give me a quick end!"

ASmileNaiHe says as a matter of fact: "Don't worry, you won't die. When your blood level is close to zero, I'll help heal your wounds."

Wei Wei feels a bit weird about this; if EvilBloodOath wants to die, why doesn't he just log out? When a player logs out, the game will determine whether to help the player flee or make the player die depending on the situation. Since EvilBloodOath isn't afraid of dying, why bother standing here and letting them slash him?

Wei Wei sends NaiHe a message: "Has he become dumb from anger? Why doesn't he just go offline?"

NaiHe quickly responds: "He's in the process of completing a continuous

quest.”

Wei Wei is astonished.

Great Master, you sure know how to hit where it hurts!

Continuous quests are the most painful kind of quests in “Dream Voyage.” What makes it painful is that regardless of which stage you’re at, if you don’t finish it till the end, your experience level will not get any increase; if you are able to finish it to the very end, your experience level and reward is spectacular. However, a player must not die or log out during a continuous quest, otherwise, he/she will have to start over from the beginning again. But a lot of gamers complained about it, so the game made an adjustment; depending on the quest’s difficulty level, the player can die up to three times, but they still cannot log out in the middle of it; they must complete the continuous quests in one go.

Wei Wei has completed many of these continuous quests before. She recalls that the continuous quest requiring one to go to Celestial Mountains Snow Basins is the ultimate quest; one that contains ninety-nine stages. Furthermore, if she remembers correctly, Celestial Mountains Snow Basins is the very last stage.....

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 7

## Part 7: LittleRain Clan

Thinking about this quest's miserable experience, Wei Wei is a bit sympathetic towards him. But while she might be sympathetic, this person's speech is, honestly, detestable. Whatever, let me slash him a couple more times first. In any case, this is done by the computer automatically; her hand will not be sore.

Thus, Wei Wei goes to steep tea and drink water. She chats a few lines with NaiHe, but it seems like NaiHe is also doing something else. His replies are not very fast. Wei Wei simply bows her head and starts working on problems.

After doing a page of reading, she lifts her head and sees that there are three more female players by the Celestial Mountains Snow Basins. Their IDs are LittleRainQingQing (*LittleRainForeverYoung*), LittleRainFeiFei (*LittleRainSnowfall*), LittleRainMianMian (*ContinuousLittleRain.*)

LittleRain clan?

Why are they here?

LittleRainQingQing is currently saying: "Hey, why are you ignoring us?"

Wei Wei frowns and opens the chat history window: (The game's chat history window will save all the conversations of the players at the current scene.)

[Local][LittleRainQingQing]: It's ASmileNaiHe (*WhyNotJustSmile.*)

[Local][LittleRainMianMian]: That woman is here too. So despicable, bullying a lower level.

[Local][LittleRainFeiFei]: That's right. And purposely tormenting him, slashing him one point at a time.

[Local][LittleRainMianMian]: Aiya (*exclamation*), it's EvilBloodOath.

[Local][LittleRainQingQing]: You know him?

[Local][LittleRainMianMian]: The one who gave me the Immortal's Shoe

before. He's helped me on a few quests.

[Local][LittleRainQingQing]: Should we do something about it?

[Local][LittleRainFeiFei]: Probably can't beat them.

[Local][LittleRainQingQing]: Then let's reason with them.

[Local][LittleRainQingQing]: Hey, ASmileNaiHe, you are the expert of experts (smiley face emoticon), what kind of righteous hero are you to bully a lower level?

[Local][LittleRainMianMian]: That's right, and it's 2 vs 1.

[Local][LittleRainQingQing]: Hey(angry emoticon), why are you ignoring us?

All the "shouting" was said towards ASmileNaiHe, idling on the side. Wei Wei who is the one doing the slashing is ignored. NaiHe is either not there or doesn't want to put up with them; didn't answer. Even though WeiWei feels that they are inexplicably sticking their noses in other people's business, she still tampers her temper and explains: "We are settling a personal grudge. Will those passing by please continue passing by."

LittleRainMianMian: "Are there grudges that need to torment someone like this? It's just a game."

Wei Wei is a bit angry now and is just about to type some stronger words, NaiHe says: "Meddlesome, those who don't want to die, disappear immediately."

At the same time, Wei Wei receives his personal chat message: "Just left for a bit. You continue, I'll resolve this."

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Wei Wei is embarrassed.

Great Master, are you sure you are resolving this? Aren't you provoking them =

Sure enough, LittleRainQingQing and the others explode. In actuality, even though they are under the banner of helping out the unjust while they are passing by, they can't help but admire and fantasize about an expert like

ASmileNaiHe. But these words of ASmileNaiHe has immediately crushed their admiration and fantasies.

LittleRainQingQing: “Hey, you guys are going overboard!”

LittleRainMianMian: “That’s right! So what if you’re number one on our server. You have no manners when speaking to woman.”

Yeah right. Wei Wei distains them. Does their use of “that woman” to talk about someone mean that they have courtesy and manners? Wei Wei happily uses their words against them, “It’s just a game, why are you getting angry.”

LittleRainFeiFei: “Just because it’s a game means you can randomly scold someone?! Just because it’s a game means that a higher level can bully a lower level at their whim?! I’m angry now!”

Wei Wei is speechless. This is a classic example of having double standards. Speaking with these types of people is really a torment for someone who studies science and is good at logic.

Wei Wei dreads speaking with self-contradictory and unreasonable people the most, so she simply says: “Rivers and Lakes rules, let’s PK. You four against us two. If you win, you can take him away and we won’t bother him in the future.”

ASmileNaiHe says: “You rest. I’ll do it.”

The white robed musician takes a step forward and stands gracefully in front of the heroine in red. Wei Wei remembers the valiant skills Great Master normally has and sends a smiley face saying: “Okay, then I’ll just watch ^\_^”

But the three members of the LittleRain clan didn’t accept the challenge. When ReedWeiWei sent out the battle invitation, they still had confidence to fight, but with ASmileNaiHe dismissing it like this, his confidence makes them hesitate.

No matter how awesome and powerful a musician is, can he really face four alone?

Their characters stand there without moving, discussing over private chat. From the head of EvilBloodOath, who has stayed silent this entire time, came a few lines of text: “What PK? What happened? Older sister, why aren’t you

slashing? Continue. WTF. Old man here finished taking a shower and the slashing is still not done.”

LittleRainMianMian: “BloodOath, it’s me.”

EvilBloodOath: “MianMian, why are you here?”

LittleRainMianMian: “I’m here to help you.”

EvilBloodOath flips through the chat history and can’t help but get a headache. He is quite familiar with that LittleRainMianMian. They have played together many times, but he’s never seen her so readily to resolve injustices before. Looks like she’s giving him quite the honor?

If a few experts had come, then settling the grudge quickly like this isn’t a bad option. But what can these few women help with? Plus if they are of the LittleRain clan. EvilBloodOath can’t help but think about LittleRainYaoYao (*LittleRainEnchantress*). Even though she isn’t here, as soon as you speak of LittleRain clan, you will definitely think of LittleRainYaoYao. It’s said that LittleRainYaoYao dumped ASmileNaiHe and then stole ReedWeiWei’s husband...

WTF! He still wants to play the game in peace. He doesn’t want to be, inexplicably, dragged into the most gossiped about grudge on their server. Plus, ASmileNaiHe and ReedWeiWei, this pair of resentful couple who keep grudges and are twisted, are really not to be pushed around. If they remember you, then it’s definitely not a good thing. Especially that ASmileNaiHe. At noon, he had seen him. At the time, ASmileNaiHe seemed like he didn’t see him, but then he was actually waiting at Celestial Mountains Snow Basins at night...

Can he have known that he is doing a continuous quest, so purposely waited for him at the last stage?

That’s impossible, how can he know?

The more he thinks about this, the more EvilBloodOath cold sweated. The quest is definitely the most important in his eyes right now. In order to do this continuous quest, he’s been online for 8 or 9 hours already. Nothing must go wrong. It’s okay if he dies once since he hasn’t died while doing this yet anyway. Thinking like this, he quickly says: “There’s no need. Resolving a small grudge is a good thing. Plus, beautiful ladies are for loving, hahahaha, how can I have you

ladies take up arms. My reputation will take a hit.

These few women, filled with righteousness, didn't think that the "victim" would not be grateful, and are rendered speechless. LittleRainQingQing makes a hmph sound and the three angrily leaves.

EvilBloodOath says: "Older sister, continue. There's only two hundred health points left. I'll go wash my clothes. You should have finished by then."

Wei Wei can't help but laugh. It turns out the three of them just now were all doing two things at once; doing their own things. While this person is loathsome, he is also a bit amusing. It's just that he has a really bad mouth. Wei Wei puts away her sword, "Forget it, I won't slash anymore."

Wei Wei: "It wastes electricity and internet bills, might as well go collect herbs>o<"

ASmileNaiHe: "Okay, let's go."

The two quickly disappeared together. Yet, EvilBloodOath, even though no one is slashing him anymore, still stands in the same place, continuing to flash green...

In a frozen body state...

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 8

## Part 8: Passing by

Wei Wei quickly puts those three LittleRain clan members to the back of her mind after returning to the area where she was collecting herbal ingredients. But there's one particular thing that she's curious about, so she asks NaiHe while collecting: "How did you know that he was on a continuous quest?"

"I went online once in the afternoon and saw him posting on the world channel asking for seven kinds of feathers."

NaiHe explains further for Wei Wei to understand. NaiHe saw EvilBloodOath posting on the world channel asking for seven kinds of feathers in order to pass a stage in a quest. Therefore, NaiHe knew that EvilBloodOath was on a continuous quest.

Wei Wei is a bit puzzled; how do finding seven kinds of feathers mean that he's on a continuous quest?

"There are quite a few quests that require collecting feathers."

NaiHe: "Mm, but the [NPCs](#) (*Non-player characters*) are different for each of the quests. Collecting feathers is on the 36th stage. I went to the NPC at the 36th stage, and he showed up soon after."

Other than worshipping him, Wei Wei has no other thoughts. He, he, he actually remembers which stage it was! He actually remembers the NPCs of the different stages! His memory is unbelievably amazing! Knowing that she is still only up to the letter "p" in memorizing her English vocabularies, Wei Wei feels like crying; she praises him bitterly: "Your memory is too good."

She suddenly realizes that the Great Master didn't capture EvilBloodOath when he saw him in the afternoon; he estimated the time needed and purposely waited until night time on Celestial Mountains Snow Basins.....

His calculative skills and scheming skills are just shocking.....vicious >\_<

Wei Wei's time spent in playing "Dream Voyage" has increased without her knowing.

In the past, Wei Wei had a very in-style nickname called, "home beauty," but her dorm roommates now call her "home moldy." Wei Wei used to go out shopping with her roommates quite often, but she has completely lost interest in it. Besides studying, she is playing online games all day.

Her roommates are going out shopping again tonight; they try to persuade her to come along. Si Si says, "Wei Wei, just take it as a workout. It's not good for your body to sit in front of the computer all day every day."

Wei Wei rolls her eyes, "You want to talk about working out? Who is it that asks me to help her run to class for attendance check every morning? Who is it that always forgets to get her water and asks me to get it for her every day?"

Si Si doesn't know what to say, so Xiao Ling takes over, "Wei Wei, the clothes you're wearing are from last year, right? Let's go out and buy some new clothes."

Wei Wei waves her hand to stop her, "It's fine as long as I have enough clothes to wear."

Xiao Ling points at her with her hand shaking, "It's too shameless for a pretty girl like you to say that! If you continue like this, you'll be kicked out of the school's top beauties list."

Now that she mentions the beauties list, Wei Wei feels a bit depressed; it's fine that they made a poll, but they even added an unstable percentage. After the voting, she topped the unstable list!

Wei Wei turns her head in disdain, "It's better to be kicked out of it. I only like to compare my inner self with others!"

Er Xi finally gets mad, "Bei Wei Wei! If you don't go, who's going to help us bargain!? If you dare not to go, wait to be punished tonight!"

Wei Wei, "....."

This is the real reason why they want her to go, isn't it? It's because of her almighty bargaining skills.....

In the end, Wei Wei succumbs to Er Xi's threat, and is pulled along with them on the streets. When they go shopping, they usually just shop around at the clothing shops nearby the school; they don't go too far.

Soon after, Wei Wei's hands are full from carrying big and small bags; they're all things bought by her roommates. It's not that they're dumping everything to her to carry, it's just that they have to go to the fitting rooms to try things on every now and then; it's troublesome to keep putting down and fetching the bags, so Wei Wei might as well carry them all since she's not buying anything.

They go into another shop. Xiao Ling comes out of the fitting room with the clothes she's trying on and hears Wei Wei talking to herself, "Am I destined to be a follower these days?" She is like this in the game as well; Great Master NaiHe has gotten more and more used to asking her to do things.....but she can't blame anyone but herself for it >o<

Xiao Ling can't help but giggle after hearing it; she can't believe that Wei Wei is actually complaining with a face full of unwillingness. Is the online game that fun to play? She goes over and pats Wei Wei's back to comfort her, "Alright, stop complaining. Seeing how you've helped me bargain for quite a lot, rich girl here will treat you to some red-wine chicken wings from Tian Xiang Ju. How's that?"

Tian Xiang Ju is a very good restaurant that is near the school, but because it's pricey, not a lot of students go there to eat. Only wealthy people who squander their parents' money like Xiao Ling would go. Therefore, the moment she says this, everyone cheers in joy. Wei Wei says, "I've worked the hardest, so I should get half of the batch."

Si Si says sourly, "Who's fighting it over with you? I need to lose weight."

Wei Wei says arrogantly, "I don't get fat from eating. You can continue to be jealous. Hahahaha."

Her arrogance is asking for it. Si Si, who's actually skinny but claims to get fat from drinking water, says while gritting her teeth, "Xiao Ling, close the door. Let Er Xi bite her!"

They've become hungry from a while ago, and there are no more shops that they want to shop at, so they head to Tian Xiang Ju gleefully. Tian Xiang Ju is soon in sight after chatting and walking together. Si Si gossips enthusiastically

about a guy in the same program when she suddenly stops her footsteps. She looks towards the entrance of Tian Xiang Ju and grabs Wei Wei's arm excitedly, "Hurry, look! Is that Xiao Nai!?"

Across the road at the entrance of Tian Xiang Ju, a crowd of well-dressed men come out of the restaurant. Wei Wei spots Xiao Nai immediately. Among the crowd of men and under the shining lights, the young and dashing Xiao Nai stands out from the rest. He looks different from the few times that she has seen him before; he is wearing a formal suit, carrying a slight smile on his face, and looking refined and elegant as always with a tint of pride, but also with a bit of composure added.

"Ah, let's cross quickly."

Although they won't be greeting each other, getting a closer look is not a bad idea. Si Si tugs onto Wei Wei and crosses the road quickly and eagerly. But it's too late; the group of middle-aged men has already gotten into a car, and Xiao Nai is opening the door of another car. They might have been a little noisy because it seems as if Xiao Nai turned his gaze towards them just before he got into the car.

He looks different from just a moment ago when he was smiling under the lights; Xiao Nai glances at them indifferently before shutting the car door and leaving.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 9

## Part 9: Duel

While eating, Si Si is still upset that they didn't come earlier. Otherwise, they might have been eating their meal at the table next to Xiao Nai. Er Xi knocks her out of it by saying, "Stop dreaming. The people with brother Xiao looked like professionals. They needed to discuss business; and definitely reserved a private room."

On the side, Xiao Ling tries to hold in what she wants to say, but ends up saying, "I heard that it seems like brother Xiao's company has run into some problems."

"No way."

Wei Wei and Er Xi also have looks of disbelief on them. To the underclassmen of the Computer Science Department, Xiao Nai exists on a spiritual level. How can there be problems?

"I heard from Da Zhong. Da Zhong has a basketball teammate who went to work for Xiao Nai's company after graduating. The day before yesterday, he was eating lunch with Da Zhong and divulged a few things after drinking a lot. It seems like it's a problem with investments. It happened in just these few days."

Si Si says: "I still don't really believe it. It's Xiao Nai!"

Wei Wei, who is in the middle of biting into a chicken wing and can't say anything, nods her head fiercely to express her agreement on what is just said. It's Xiao Nai! If someone who is really tremendous and really formidable is known as an ox (牛 *trans: awesome*), then Xiao Nai has to be a rhinoceros (犀牛) ~~~ rhinoceros is a rare ox, a rarely seen ox...Can there also be things he can't resolve?

Then again, thinking about Xiao Nai's expression just now, underneath the light; he was still chatting and smiling before he became apathetic in the blink of

an eye. Wei Wei isn't very sure anymore.

Er Xi asks knowingly, "Is it a funding problem?"

"I don't know." Xiao Ling emphasizes, "I can't guarantee the reliability of this, but even if this is false, you guys had better not talk about it to others."

"Uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh." Wei Wei nods and says, unclearly, with a chicken wing in her mouth, "Promise, won't say anything. It'll disappear like today's chicken wings."

When all is said and done, a genius' world is still too far out of reach. After discussing this topic for a bit, they quickly move onto talking about another topic. After eating, they return to the dorm room and Wei Wei goes online as soon as she can. But, strangely, no one on her friends list is on. Wei Wei is overcome with boredom. Thinking about the Couples PK Competition, she goes onto the game forum.

In the past, Wei Wei didn't often visit the forums, nor did she look at guides, because she always felt that the delightful part of a game is the exploration. If you already know everything, then there is no meaning to it. But then, after she got married to NaiHe, with the mentality of taking care of the Great Master, Wei Wei will often roam around the forums and read up on things such as married couple's skills. For a period of time, she even studied up on having a child. But when she saw that to have a child, they needed to enter the bridal room for an hour, and, after getting pregnant, the female's skills will weaken; and if she fights too much, she might have a miscarriage...

Wei Wei immediately dispelled any thoughts of having a child.

This game is really too twisted!

After scrolling through the forums for a bit, she didn't see new news on the PK competition. Instead, she sees a very popular post that RealWaterIsScentless wrote on the front page. The topic is: "(Video) [Entry] Our story — The Falling Rain Causes Ripples in the Heart of the Water"

Wei Wei knows about the "Our story" event. It is one of the relatively popular new events. The event requires players to use the game's recording feature and record a love story within "Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes." There is no limit

to the length, the reward is generous, and the winner is voted upon by the players. In fact, it is just to record a short movie using “Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes” recording feature. It isn’t that hard, so many players are participating.

Looks like RealWaterIsScentless is also participating?

Curiously, Wei Wei goes into the topic. The topic contains a video plus a bit of text. Wei Wei clicks the video and watches for a few minutes. It seems to be talking about a hero saving a beauty, and then the story of the hero pursuing the beauty. The main characters are LittleRainYaoYao (*LittleRainEnchantress*) and RealWaterIsScentless. People from the LittleRain clan are also in it.

After watching for a few minutes, she gradually feels that something is a bit amiss. Why is there a female character named LuWeiWeiWei in it? (*Wei Wei’s handle, ReedWeiWei, is LuWeiWeiWei, but using different characters*)

In addition, this LuWeiWeiWei is also a red robed heroine carrying a sabre. She occasionally appears next to RealWater and LittleRain, nagging RealWater, causing a disgraceful scene by crying bitterly and obsessing over him over and over again. Her speech is even more crude, and she even has the narcissism of [Sister Lotus](#), making it an obvious contrast to LittleRainYaoYao who speaks elegantly.

At the end of the video, the real LittleRainYaoYao comes out to say a few things, the general meaning is that she hopes people will support them and stuff. Underneath the video is a few words from RealWater. It is a heartwarming, genuine narration about his feelings towards LittleRainYaoYao, and hopes that everyone will vote for them. And saying that even though they are indifferent to the reward, he hopes to get that exclusive rainbow-colored lovers outfit because his wife really likes it.

Wei Wei gets angrier and angrier the more she looks at it. What is this! If you want to show the real thing, then fine. Why do you have to pull someone else in to be the butt of a joke? She closes the forum and goes online. RealWaterIsScentless isn’t online. Filled with ire, Wei Wei angrily types a message over.

“Is it fun to smear someone like this? I never thought you were this type of

person!”

After sending the message, she is still feeling furious, but the good child, Wei Wei, can't think of anything malicious to say to scold others, so can only close the game and head to sleep, even more depressed.

The next day, Wei Wei has a whole day of classes and only can go online at nine at night. As soon as she gets online, her friend chat starts jumping madly. She opens it, it is RealWaterIsScentless' message.

“Ok, I'm not skilled enough, I accept the loss. I will take off the video and record another one with LittleRain. But even if it's like this, I have to explain first, that LuWeiWeiWei wasn't set up by LittleRain and me. We didn't even notice it at first and thought that someone was trying to stir up trouble. We also didn't associate it with your name. Also, you must have noticed, the things that this character said had nothing to do with the plot. It was only after we finished filming that we found out it was a joke by a few of LittleRain clan's friends. But the video was already filmed and it would have been too bothersome to re-film it, so we didn't redo. I will apologize to you for this. Now that my level has dropped, counting as compensation for you, our grudge has been settled.”

Wei Wei stares blankly, and then replies: “What accept the loss? What happened with your level dropping?”

RealWaterIsScentless is online, but doesn't reply.

Wei Wei looks at her friends list. ASmileNaiHe's name is flashing and Wei Wei types over: “Great Master, did you kill RealWater?”

NaiHe: “At the Bottom of Verdant Mountains. Come. Boss.”

Wei Wei rushes to Bottom of Verdant Mountains. As soon as YuGongClimbsAMountain sees her, he shouts, “Sister-in-law, come and add a slash.”

Wei Wei speechlessly slashes the boss's body once. The boss, that had only one bar of health left, loudly falls to the ground. Without doing anything, Wei Wei gets a bunch of experience.

A bunch of items fall out of the boss. After everyone splits everything, Wei Wei asks NaiHe: “Did you kill RealWaterIsScentless?”



NaiHe: “Uh-huh.”

Eh...Wei Wei doesn't know what to say either. Looks like she had to trouble the Great Master again. Even though they are married, Wei Wei feels that that Great Master and her are just in a collaboration relationship, so she should take care of her things by herself.

Wei Wei: “Sorry for troubling you >o<”

NaiHe: “It wasn't. I've wanted to kill him for a long time.”

Wei Wei: “...Why @@”

It doesn't seem like the Great Master and RealWater had met before, how can there be animosity between them?

NaiHei: “He's unpleasant to the eye.”

Wei Wei: “.....”

As expected, it is the Great Master's typical response.

YuGongClimbsAMountain interrupts: “Sister-in-law, you know about the video?”

Wei Wei: “Uh-huh, none of you were on yesterday, so I got bored and visited the forum.”

MoZhaHim (*Don'tHitHim*): “We originally wanted to conceal it from you.”

Wei Wei: “>o<”

Wei Wei: “That's right, how come RealWaterIsScentless' level dropped? PK can't cause level dropping.”

PK is classified as a skill improvement interaction, even if one loses, one's level doesn't drop.

MonkeyWine: “It wasn't PK, it was a duel.”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 10



## Part 10: Sinister, too sinister

Du...Du...Duel?!

Wei Wei is so alarmed, her tongue nearly ties into a knot. After a long time she says: “Why would RealWater agree to duel?”

No matter how you look at it, RealWater isn’t that type of impetuous person.

In “Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes,” there are two types of official one vs one competitions. One is skill improvement interaction, commonly known as PK. The other type is dueling. It’s okay if you lose at a skill improvement interaction; you don’t lose experience or levels. Only your battle ranking will not be as good. A duel is different, every time you lose a duel, you drop a level. If you are at a low level, then it’s alright. You can get back the level you dropped very easily. If you are at a high level, like Wei Wei and RealWaterIsScentless, losing a level means half a month of your time was wasted.

Not to mention, RealWaterIsScentless is also someone who spends real money to play the game. His equipment and stuff are all top-notch. But to compete with the same top-notch equipment as Great Master NaiHe in a duel...

Basically means you're seeking death!

Wei Wei has partnered with both of them before, so she understands their strengths very well. She can't help but say that the disparity between their [micromanagements](#) is just too huge. Great Master NaiHe is a heavenly immortal and no longer on a human level, while RealWaterIsScentless at most almost on par with Wei Wei.

Therefore, Wei Wei highly suspects that perhaps RealWaterIsScentless is taking things too hard.

YuGong answers her: "It's not a question of whether he was willing. Third brother sent an invitation to battle with him on the world channel. That battle invitation was cruel. If he didn't come, then he wouldn't dare to show his face again on the server."

He even sent a battle invitation? So formal...Shocked, Wei Wei asks: "What were the terms?"

MonkeyWine says: "NaiHe invited RealWaterIsScentless to three rounds of battle, saying that, as long as RealWaterIsScentless won one of the rounds, then RealWaterIsScentless would be the winner and he will not continue pursuit of the video stuff. Plus, NaiHe wouldn't bring his spirit pet. Tell me, if RealWaterIsScentless doesn't even accept this type of battle challenge, then can he even be considered a man? Even losing is better than not going."

Not bringing his spirit pet...

He can even win like that?

Wei Wei keeps on twitching in embarrassment. Didn't she say that the Great Master is inhuman, this has proven it. And the way he sent the battle invitation was quite~~quite dumbstricking. If NaiHe had challenge RealWaterIsScentless in a fair duel, then even if RealWater doesn't accept the challenge and admits that he wasn't as strong as NaiHe, then he doesn't suffer too much humiliation. After all, NaiHe's strength has already been exhibited. But this type of battle invitation

pretty much forces him onto the battlefield, otherwise he would be too embarrassed to continue on.

MonkeyWine says: “Later I started sympathizing with RealWaterIsScentless. He was quite pitiful. If it only took one battle to determine the winner, then he would only lose one level. If it was best two out of three, then after losing two, he could have conceded and only lost two levels. Unfortunately, NaiHe wanted to play like this. The guy clearly knew that he was going to lose the third round, but still had to continue onto the third round to defend his honor.”

YuGongClimbsAMountain: “Sinister, really sinister.”

NaiHe says: “You guys are thinking too much. I just didn’t want to waste time arguing.”

Wei Wei thinks about it and agrees. If it was a fair battle invite, RealWater will have found an excuse not to go onto the battlefield. Going back and forth would have really been a waste of time. This battle invitation of the Great Master’s was really a one shot strike.

MoZhaHim: “RealWaterIsScentless also has a considerably good attitude. He didn’t bring a pet onto the field either. Did you already consider this point before?”

NaiHe dismisses it saying: “What would I consider that for?”

>o<, that’s right! Wei Wei silently reflects in her mind, the Great Master doesn’t need to consider what other people do. After reflecting, Wei Wei finally discovers a crucial word: “Three levels?”

In shock, the heroine in red runs over to the white robed musician and asks in shock: “You killed him for three levels?”

NaiHe: “Uh-huh.”

Wei Wei: “.....”

No wonder RealWaterIsScentless didn’t reply to her message. He probably wants to die right now. Three levels. That will probably take two months to get back.

MoZhaHim says: “You should have left yourself some leeway just in case you

lost a round. For instance, if your house lost power or your internet suddenly died, then would you have let the video issue go?”

ASmileNaiHe simply said: “It’s fine if I lose. If I lost, I still have my wife.”

MonkeyWine approved, “Hehehe, that’s right, that’s right. NaiHe said that he wouldn’t pursue it, but didn’t mention sister-in-law. Sister-in-law’s abilities are even better than third brother’s. Don’t you see sister-in-law always having to deal with the monsters, NaiHe is just there to live off of her.”

Wei Wei: “You’re flattering me. You’re flattering me. >o<”

YuGongClimbsAMountain says again: “Sinister, too sinister.”

Having just finished beating a boss, MonkeyWine and the others didn’t really want to move. They lazily sit on the grass on Verdant Mountain, meditating and chatting. Since Verdant Mountain is also a place to gather herbs, Wei Wei starts gathering.

After gathering for awhile, Wei Wei discovers that the system bot has refreshed it’s news.

[System Bot]: The frightening gargantuan thief Mengdongxing has broken out of the heavenly prison. He entered the imperial palace at night and stole Princess Fragrant Snow’s makeup box. Such a daring act is an unpardonable offense, will the heros of this world catch Mengdongxing and hand him over to the authorities for a generous reward.

Wei Wei says: “Boss Meng has fled again. Want to go catch him?”

Mengdongxing is one of the harder bosses of “Dream Voyage.” He escapes from the heavenly prison once a day. As soon as he escapes prison, he will immediately go and commit a robbery. And then the system bot will release an order of arrest for the numerous players to chase and catch. After catching him and delivering him to the authorities, he will be placed into the heavenly prison. The next day, Boss Meng will continue to break out of prison. But Boss Meng is also the most welcomed boss because when you do catch him, the item that he stole will become the reward and be given to the player who caught him. And the items that Boss Meng usually steals under these circumstances are always pretty good.

Once, Wei Wei got lucky. Boss Meng had stolen a chest of silver and Wei Wei met him by chance and single handedly, with a narrow escape, captures Boss Meng. The chest of silver became hers. Of course, there are unlucky times. For example, one time the system bot said that Boss Meng stole the sword that [Dongfang Bubai](#) carried on him at all times. As soon as the announcement was made, the world went into an uproar. Dongfang Bubai's sword. It must be a top-notch spiritual weapon. So all the players, whether low level or high level, put down what they were doing and went to catch the boss. Finally, Boss Meng was caught by someone on the level leaderboards. The high level player got the sword and took a look, he was so angry that he nearly stopped playing the game.

Because that sword's description was ——

The sword that Dongfang Bubai used to castrate himself.

MonkeyWine says: "Princess' makeup box? Not interested."

MoZhaHim: "Don't want to move."

YuGongClimbsAMountain: "I am browsing the forum, the video has already been deleted."

MonkeyWine: "Sigh~~why is that fellow so obedient."

Wei Wei: ">o<, why do I feel like you seem somewhat regretful?"

MonkeyWine: "You mean completely regretful!"

YuGongClimbsAMountain: "If he didn't delete it, then we would have... hehehe."

MonkeyWine: "Hacked his computer."

YuGongClimbsAMountain: "Taken over his handle."

MoZhaHim: "Then what would I do? Sell his wife?"

YuGongClimbsAMountain: "Now that he's deleted the video, we have no excuse to act."

Wei Wei: "= = You guys are too awful."

YuGongClimbsAMountain modestly says: "Too flattering, too flattering. Compared with NaiHe, we're just a drop in the ocean."

Wei Wei is speechless, you can use a drop in the ocean like this?

NaiHe: "Wei Wei, let's go."

"Ok, where to?" Wei Wei asks as she joins his party.

"Somewhere without them."

She just joins the team when the scenery changes and, in the blink of an eye, Wei Wei finds herself standing on Sunset Summit.

Watching the sunset on Sunset Summit.

This is the game's most beautiful and most desolate location since there are no monsters or quests to be done here, and no experience to be gained. But since knowing NaiHe, this is a place that Wei Wei has come very often.

The setting sun hides half of itself behind the clouds. The dazzling red beams radiate all around contrasting with the heroine in red, standing still on the summit, becoming increasingly gorgeous with brilliance, while the white robed hero becomes increasingly proud and aloof.

Wei Wei watches for a long time while supporting her chin with her hands, and then slowly types: "It is truly beautiful."

NaiHe: "Mmm."

The two have nothing to say. After a short while, NaiHe says: "I should have waited for you to come and deal with this situation, but there were too many people following it in the world. So I thought that it was better to duel it out quickly."

The Wei Wei sitting in front of the computer blinks. After staying for a long time, she finally realizes that he is explaining the reason he did this.

Actually...he doesn't need to explain to her. But for some reason, Wei Wei's heart slowly starts feeling a trace of being touched.

This type of feeling didn't come about when he gave her a grand wedding. It didn't come about when he helped her take revenge. Yet, at this time, in such a setting, because of his ordinary and plain explanation, it has come about.

Wei Wei suddenly doesn't know what to say. Her fingers stand still above the

keyboard for a long time. Then she finally sent a smiley face emoticon.

NaiHe didn't speak anymore. Wei Wei also quietly stands next to him without controlling the character, and didn't leave. Looking at the still scenery, she can only feel seclusion and serenity at this moment.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 11

## Part 11: Video

If it weren't for StormGoddessNiNi's (*StormGoddessGirl's*) bombshell of a message, Wei Wei would simply think that she is standing at the end of time.

Of course, the so-called end of time is -- lights out in the dormitory >o<

StormGoddessNiNi: "WeiWei, send me the video. Send me the video."

Wei Wei: "What video?"

StormGoddessNiNi: "The one of your husband beating up RealWater single-handedly, the video of the duel! Even though I bought a ticket to go see it, the audience wasn't allowed to record it."

Single-handedly beating up...Wei Wei is embarrassed by her description: "Our (*family's*) NaiHe is very refined..."

As soon as she types out this sentence, Wei Wei becomes embarrassed by her own doing. Why did she add "our" in front of NaiHe?!!! How come she subconsciously typed out that word?

>o<, it must be due to the influence of YuGong and them. They often throw in words like "Our (*family's*) third sister-in-law", "Your (*family's*) NaiHe." Wei Wei speechlessly deletes the sentence and types up a new sentence: "You actually bought an admissions ticket!"

Buying an admissions ticket to see a duel is one of the twisted features of "Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes." After purchasing an admissions ticket and clicking on the bodyguard in front of the gates of the imperial palace, the player will be sent to the battlefield. Generally speaking, the higher the levels of the two opponents, the more expensive the admissions ticket. Of course, people don't go and see every duel.

StormGoddessNiNi: "RealWater was defeated so badly, even if he did record it, he wouldn't put it out. Your husband must have recorded it."

Wei Wei: "...he didn't record it."

She doesn't even have to ask this question. With her understanding of the Great Master, the Great Master would never record such an insignificant battle.

StormGoddessNiNi: "Darn it, it was so intense that I forgot to take screenshots while watching. Hell, hell, I want to drop dead. Also, I came on too late and only saw the duel announcement made by the system bot. I didn't even see the actual legendary battle invitation. So much regret."

Wei Wei: "That's better than me. I'm the female lead in the legend, and I didn't even see anything."

StormGoddessNiNi: "Hahaha, then I'm at peace. Do you want the screenshot of the system bot announcement? I'll send it to you."

Wei Wei: "Okay."

Wei Wei sends her "Dream Voyage" email address to her and, soon, she receives her email. The email contains just one picture, the system bot duel announcement.

Wei Wei clicks on the picture to enlarge it. The first line is the system bot's announcement after NaiHe's battle invitation. Then, every five minutes after, the system bot announces the response by the invitee.

[System Bot]: ASmileNaiHei (*WhyNotJustSmile*) invites RealWaterIsScentless to duel at the Top of the Forbidden City.

[System Bot]: RealWaterIsScentless has yet to accept the challenge.

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After five of these, [System Bot]: RealWaterIsScentless accepts the challenge.

[System Bot]: The duel of ASmileNaiHe and RealWaterIsScentless will commence at 20:00 o'clock at the Top of the Forbidden City.

Those are just a few lines of text, just cold and formal announcements, yet Wei Wei reads them over and over again. Reading and reading and reading and reading. She gradually starts feeling a bit angry.

She is unable to hold back the moodiness inside. Looking at the lightly floating white robe of NaiHe, Wei Wei hesitates again and again, feeling embarrassed, and then opens her mouth to break the mood, “Great Master...PK with me once without bringing your spirit animal >o<”

NaiHe, however, misunderstands her and thinks that she is bored. He starts a party and says: “Let’s go and kill a boss.”

“Which one?”

“Mengdongxing. YuGong is calling us over.”

MonkeyWine and the others have had great luck today. They were just meditating at the bottom of the mountain when, unexpectedly, the Boss Meng, that can only be found after some difficulty, brought himself to the door carrying a dowry.

When Wei Wei and NaiHe return to Verdant Mountain, MonkeyWine and the others are already in battle. NaiHe goes up and casts a Miracle Cure to give them health. Wei Wei, however, hesitates for a moment and doesn’t immediately join in the battle.

YuGong calls out: “Sister-in-law, don’t just watch while others are dying.”

Wei Wei knows that the three of them can actually handle it with ease. She’s being called over so that she can gain experience. Thus, she sends a smiley face, saying: “You guys fight. If I join, his attacks will immediately become stronger.”

In this regard, Boss Meng is quite clever. If female players attack him, then he will reduce his attack power by half because of “being kind to women.” That’s how Wei Wei was able to single-handedly take him down before. And if male and female players attack him together, then his attack power will increase by half due to “jealousy.” Only when male players take him on will his strength stay normal.

YuGong and the others have mainly been in completely male parties and have never seen this happen before. When hearing about this from Wei Wei, they become more interested instead.

“I hear this guy will even take liberties with female players. I haven’t seen it before. Sister-in-law, take a slash with your sword and let us witness this.”

When Wei Wei hears this, she is completely speechless. Nevertheless, she still complies and joins the battle. Sure enough, as soon as her sword goes down, Boss Meng's attack power clearly goes up and even uses his "Raging Fire of Envy" skill, burning MonkeyWine and them so that their health continuously drops.

At the same time, above Boss Meng's head pops up some words: "What's a beauty doing out here walking the rivers and lakes, waving and dancing with swords, instead of staying in her chambers. Why not let me (*arrogant*) take charge of your fragrant food and spicy drinks."

MonkeyWine: "WTF! He really is taking liberties with women."

YuGongClimbsAMountain: "He actually dares to take liberties with sister-in-law, finish him!"

As a result, the poor Boss Meng is violently finished off...

As soon as Boss Meng falls to the floor, the imperial guards immediately appear and take him away, leaving behind the princess' makeup box as reward. MonkeyWine is curious and scrambles to pick it up. He opens it to look and nearly falls to the ground.

YuGong questions: "What is it? Give it to sister-in-law if it's equipment."

MonkeyWine: "If I give this to sister-in-law, NaiHe will kill me."

NaiHe: "What is it?"

MonkeyWine: "A man's hair."

YuGongClimbsAMountain: "....."

MonkeyWine: "The hair of the princess' lover. Has no attributes."

Everyone is speechless. They never expected to chance upon such a thing themselves.

YuGongClimbsAMountain: "At least it's better than Dongfang Bubai's sword."

MoneyWine: "It's also better than the cloth used to bind the feet of the old lady of [Emei](#)."

MoZhaHim (*Don'tHitHim*) tries to review: "Can it be that we were too violent

just now?”

Noticing that Wei Wei hasn't said anything yet, MonkeyWine says: “Sister-in-law didn't get blown away did she?”

Wei Wei: “>o< No, I've been voyaging through the rivers and lakes for so many years, I no longer care about fame and fortune...”

MoZhaHim: “Why do I feel like her tone is quite familiar?”

MonkeyWine: “Like NaiHe's?”

MoZhaHim: “No, NaiHe never talks about his narcissism, he only thinks it on the inside.”

NaiHe sends a sighing emoticon: “One takes after one's surroundings. I'll have to not allow her to hang around you guys anymore in the future.”

Wei Wei: “That's right. It is you guys who have influenced me...Oh, that thing, I was just thinking about the video stuff.”

Wei Wei: “I want to make a video too.”

MonkeyWine: “.....”

Wei Wei: “Boss Meng gave me inspiration....”

Since it is inspired by Boss Meng, then of course it has to do with thievery.

Wei Wei's script is like this.

ReedWeiWei (*HumbleReed*) is a female thief who lords over the mountains.

ASmileNaiHe (*WhyNotJustSmile*) is a weak literary musician.

One day, ASmileNaiHe passes by some mountain and catches the eye of the female thief. Thus, he is snatched into a mountain stronghold and forced to be a husband.

“I haven't thought of what happens next. I just thought of this while fighting Boss Meng. We can directly use Boss Meng's lines.”

MonkeyWine says: “Is it also to enter into that event?”

Wei Wei: “Uh-huh, I suddenly felt that it will be really fun. I only wanted to play around, I just got carried away on a whim.”

NaiHe doesn't say anything, just going over what Wei Wei said: "Forced husband."

Wei Wei believes he is upset and is just about to say that it's all right if they don't film anything when she sees him ask: "Does that mean when the robbery happens, all I have to do is lie down on the ground."

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Looks like she severely underestimates the Great Master's nerves. Wei Wei: "Pretty much like that."

Actually, she isn't too sure herself. It was just a foolish thought.

However, NaiHei says: "Let's film it."

NaiHe: "Verdant Mountain isn't bad. Have the robbery here."

The Great Master agreeing and settling it so quickly, and then putting it into action so rapidly, causes the female thief, Wei Wei, to suddenly feel like she's the one being forced to commit a robbery.

In the blink of an eye, the Great Master has already started setting up the overall plan: "I'll come down from this side of the mountain. You'll ride out from the forest over there. We'll each record our own parts and edit it later."

Under NaiHe's director baton, Wei Wei light-headedly gets on a horse.

YuGong jumps out, "Director, we also want to be in the play."

MonkeyWine says: "How can the female thief not have henchmen. We'll be sister-in-law's henchmen."

Wei Wei refuses: "Don't want."

MonkeyWine grieves, heart-broken: "Why not!"

Wei Wei: ">\_< It'll seem more awesome single handedly."

YuGong says: "No. No. You guys can't be like this. There must be a fighting scene. How about we be NaiHe's bodyguards? Then, sister-in-law, you can defeat the three of us one by one. This way it will be exciting."

This proposal of YuGong's finally gets the approval from everyone; most importantly, NaiHe's approval. These few people are all action oriented. With

extreme efficiency, everything is discussed. Instead, it is the one who suggest the filming, Wei Wei, who becomes confused. The one who drove the ducks onto the bridge ends up being chased away to the woods.

In the forest, while riding on the horse, Wei Wei suddenly becomes nervous.

When NaiHe walks up to the point where the robbery is to happen, she becomes even more nervous.

The result of being nervous is Wei Wei charging out, charges in front of NaiHe, but forgets the vulgar lines of Boss Meng >\_<. Thus, Wei Wei has to be quick witted and is only able to alter the most ancient of robbery lines.

“The mountain paths are opened by me,  
the trees are planted by me,  
if you want to pass through,  
leave the man behind!” \*

After the opening lines, YuGong is supposed to jump out and swear at her, and then they start fighting. However, YuGong’s character doesn’t move at all. Wei Wei waits for a long time before being baffled and asking, “Where’s YuGong?”

MonkeyWine very serenely says, “He fell down from his chair.”

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*\* The lines are from the “Romance of Sui and Tang Dynasties” written way back in the Qing dynasty. The last part of the original is “leave the money behind.”*

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 12



## Part 12: White Robe Red Shadow

YuGong comes back on and says weakly: “I’m hurt.”

MoZhaHim (*Don’tHitHim*) despises him: “A guy like you can get hurt from falling on your butt?”

YuGong says angrily: “I’m hurt inside! I’m talking about inside!”

Wei Wei: “>o<, you guys are roommates?”

Wei Wei has suspected that they know each other and live together in real life from their speech; they’re probably also fourth year students because she has seen them talking about graduation internship work. But Wei Wei has never been interested in how other players in the game are in real life, so she never asks, but she blurts it out this time.

MonkeyWine: “We are in the same dorm.”

As expected!

Wei Wei looks at NaiHe subconsciously; so the Great Master is also a university



student like herself? Why does it feel surreal? The Great Master should be.....

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She can't think of how he should really be.....

YuGong says: "Third sister-in-law, NaiHe often doesn't come home at night. You should keep an eye on him."

MoZhaHim: "He doesn't come home in the morning either!"

Wei Wei is dumbstruck.

NaiHe explains: "I will come back immediately when the dorm room is not filled with half a month's worth of your socks."

MoZhaHim talks back immediately: "You might as well continue to stay outside."

Wei Wei is speechless. She has heard stories of guys washing their socks together after they have scattered over ten dirty pairs each. She can't believe the guys here are exactly like this. She suddenly remembers YuGong and the others talking about hacking into other people's computers, so she asks curiously: "Could it be that you guys are in Computer Science?"

"Bingo!"

What a coincidence = =

Wei Wei replies: ".....Me too."

"....."

"You're our junior (*female*) classmate then!"

[YuGongClimbsAMountain](#): "It's over. The ratio of guys and girls in Computer Science is 9 to 1. Seeing how tough and valiant she is, could she actually be a junior male classmate?"

Wei Wei: ">o<"

Wei Wei feels a little embarrassed: "Am I really that tough? As in my intro....."

Her words shock YuGong.

YuGong responds: "No, no. It's good. It's definitely rousing the apathetic (so

*loud that even the deaf can hear).*”

Rousing the apathetic.....

Wei Wei feels as if she’s been hurt inside; if YuGong’s literacy teacher found out that he used “rousing the apathetic” this way, would the teacher cry out loud?

MonkeyWine suggests: “It’s good, but I think it’s better to change the phrase ‘leave the man behind.’ There are four guys here, so how will people know whom you’re abducting? The audience will be confused.”

NaiHe says: “They won’t be confused. There’s no need to change it.”

MonkeyWine: “???”

NaiHe: “There is no value in abducting you guys.”

Therefore.....

They PK vigorously again; it’s three against one this time.

Wei Wei stares at the sky speechlessly. She hasn’t even abducted anyone yet, and those who are supposed to be abducted are already in a quarrel with each other.

Nonetheless, after joking around countless times and Classmate YuGong working while he’s hurt, the initial filming for the video is completed after two days.

Wei Wei also writes the plot after the abduction. For the sake of prolonging the video’s time length, Wei Wei writes a super melodramatic storyline, borrowing from many TV series.

The below is a brief summary:

The white robed musician is abducted and taken back to the mountain stockade (the game has a thieves’ nest location). The female thief admires his refined and handsome looks, so she tries all kinds of ways to make him happy. The white robed musician doesn’t get moved by her; he keeps his silence every day and only plays his [guqin](#) dispiritedly by the lotus pond at the back side of the mountain.

The female thief finally decides to let him go, but she secretly follows after him as she can't bear to see him leave. The white robed musician encounters a monster on his way; seeing how he is about to lose his life, the female thief jumps out to save him. The musician is touched by it and accepts the female thief. They get married happily, but on the wedding night, imperial guards show up at their door (YuGong and the others shouted outside the thieves' nest saying that he will teach new gamers, so a bunch of newbies came and became free extras) and charges inside. The thieves (NPCs originating from the thieves' nest, who are only at level 20) turn to fight the musician; the female thief stands in front and protects the musician, but the musician suddenly pulls out a sword from his guqin and stabs her heart from behind without hesitation.

It turns out that the musician is an imperial envoy. The thieves have had a great advantage from living at a complex landscape making it hard to extirpate them. Therefore, the musician goes undercover.

The ending is the essence of the melodramatic storyline.

After the female thief dies, the white robed musician suddenly realizes that he has already fallen in love with her; he embraces the female thief's dead body and jumps off the cliff of Sunset Summit.

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Alright, Wei Wei admits that she is being mischievous >o<

Wei Wei thought that everyone would bash the script, but everyone actually felt that it was not bad after reading it. However, if she thinks about it more thoroughly, Great Master NaiHe probably thinks that it's not bad because——he doesn't have many lines.

YuGong and the rest of them is probably because——they didn't think that they would have another scene appearance near the end and that it would be roles on the protagonist side, so they can't help but cheer in joy!

Wei Wei can't help but be speechless again; Computer Science students truly lack artistic senses.....

But when NaiHe sends Wei Wei the completed video after post production, she terribly regrets and takes back her criticism on them for not having “artistic

senses.”

She, YuGong, and the rest are the ones who don't have artistic senses; it definitely doesn't include the Great Master!

Great Master, oh, Great Master, there is nothing that you can't master!

On the day that Wei Wei receives the video, she has night classes, so when she goes online after returning to the dorm room, NaiHe has already gone offline. He leaves her a message.

“Something has come up. I need to go offline now. I've sent the video to your inbox.”

Wei Wei hurries to open her inbox.

Post video production includes editing, music, subtitles, aesthetics, and etcetera. Wei Wei originally thought about doing it herself by trial and error; she thought that she probably has more free time as a second year student than fourth year students. But Great Master NaiHe said that he would do it. Since Wei Wei never doubts the Great Master, she agreed to it.

The video takes over ten minutes to download. Wei Wei opens it anxiously; she is stunned from just watching the first few seconds of it.

It's incredibly beautifully crafted.

You could say that it's simple; it's no more than red words on a black background, but NaiHe found a great typeset for the words from somewhere, which makes it look majestic, powerful, and unrestrained. The words are graphically written stroke by stroke, and a glowing effect is used that strikes across the words; it's simple yet magnificent; a great introduction.

Wei Wei re-watches the beginning a couple of times before continuing.

It's obvious that the Great Master spent a lot of time on it. Whether it's the editing, the subtitles, or the music, they all match well with the video, especially the music to Wei Wei's surprise; unlike other participants who are using pop music, the Great Master uses music performed with ancient folk instruments; the abduction at the beginning is accompanied with a light tempo flute music, the rest of the scenes use mainly music played with a [guzheng](#), matching the

white robed musician's image perfectly.

Mm, this sound of running water must be the guzheng. Wei Wei is not familiar with musical instruments; she spent most of her time in music classes secretly doing homework when she was in middle school. Today is the first time that she is focusing on listening to music like this.

There is nothing to nitpick about the music, so Wei Wei simply sits back and enjoys it.

Although it's a tragic story ( ? ), Wei Wei watches the video happily; probably because she had mischief in mind when writing the storyline and they had many laughs during the filming. But when the scene of the white robed musician pulling out his sword comes, the guzheng music plays a murderous sound. The sword stabs into the back of the female thief's heart and at the note of the guzheng, the music comes to a halt.

Wei Wei's heart pounds in pain.

Wei Wei is still engulfed in the feeling of sadness when the story suddenly changes.

The next scene should be the white robed musician embracing the female thief and jumping over the cliff at Sunset Summit, but the video is suddenly showing the white robed musician and General Qing Shan (played by Classmate YuGong) standing together in front of a grave, silently gazing at it.

General Qing Shan says: "You didn't have to kill her."

The white robed musician keeps silent, but after a while, he says: "Instead of letting her live and hate me, it's better for her to die."

Wei Wei is shocked.

From the start of their speech, she realizes that the white robed musician is no longer the same character from her script.

He has become a stranger separated from her by fog.

The white robed musician lives quietly by himself in a small house at the foot of the mountain. Wei Wei recognizes that it is No Man's Land at the bottom of Sunset Summit. Around the small house are a few clusters of jade green

bamboo. The white robed musician sits within the bamboo forest, all day long, quietly playing the guqin, only getting up to walk to Sunset Summit; standing at Sunset Summit serenely watching the sunset.

General Qing Shan appears again.

“You’ve done a great service, and hereditary peerage (*rise to nobility status*) is at your fingertips, so why live in seclusion at an abandoned place like this?”

The white robed musician doesn’t answer. He continues to play his guqin while his spirit pet kitty runs around him cheerfully.

The scene changes with a ripple effect. A blurry image of the pond behind the mountain appears as if it is the musician’s memory; the white robed musician caresses his guqin while the female thief sits beside him. Wei Wei hears her voice at this moment.

NaiHe told her to record this the day before, saying that he might use it. The dialogue is for the part where the female thief lets the musician leave; totally melodramatic. Wei Wei felt super embarrassed while saying them; she recorded them quickly once and sent it to him. She didn’t think it would be used.

A sound filter seems to be used as her voice sounds muffled, from afar, and hollow.

“My grandpa was a thief, my dad was a thief, so I was born to be a thief. Other than being a thief, I don’t know what else I can be. I don’t know anything else except the people of this mountain stockade.”

“You hate me so much, but I have never killed anybody. I can’t be the worst, right? But I guess I’m still no good.”

“I also want to be like the girls at the bottom of the mountain and raise little chicks and ducks, work when the sun rises and go home when the sun sets, and live a quiet life. But it’s just a dream. It’ll never come true.”

“Leave. I’ll let you go.”

The scene changes back; General Qing Shan asks: “You have a great future, so why waste your life in this abandoned town?”

A clear and soft voice says: “This is my dream as well.”

All the dialogues in the video is shown in subtitles; only the last few are voice overs that come like thunder and disappear like lightning; the guzheng sounds again, playing mournfully before it fades away.

The last scene is the red clothed female thief and the white robed musician sitting by the pond side. The musician plays on the guqin while the female thief dances with her sword; the two of them radiate in happiness as the image slowly dims until it turns into black and white.

The scene pauses.

The musician's sleeves from his white robe continue to sway from the breeze.

But the red clothed female thief's face has already become pale.

Wei Wei's heart is moved by it; her eyes suddenly become watery.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 13

## Part 13: He isn't me

The video player is set up to play the video on loop. While Wei Wei is still entranced, the player has already started playing it again, the lively flute music starts, the figure of the heroine in red dazzles on screen, and is just about to charge down the mountain on her horse in matchless grandeur.

Wei Wei quickly closes it. Now that she knows the ending, it is a bit depressing to watch the spoof in the beginning. She doesn't have any desire to watch it again.

Wei Wei opens the minimized game and sends NaiHe a message: "I finished watching it. It was really good."

After she insipidly types out these words, Wei Wei has nothing else to say. Actually, her mind is clearly filled with thoughts, but she doesn't know how to verbalize them. Can she actually say that it almost drew her to tears?

That seems pretty foolish, sigh = =

Looking for something to say, she asks: "You changed the ending?"

Just as she sent the message, NaiHe's name lights up and with great speed, his reply comes back. "Uh-huh, I changed it. Otherwise, the length would not have been long enough."

"You're back ^\_^~~length? What length?"

Wei Wei is a bit puzzled. Is he talking about the length of the video? But from her recollection, there isn't a length requirement.

NaiHe: "In the detailed rules and regulations for the competition, it says that, if the length of the video exceeds half an hour, the experience and other rewards will multiple if it wins."

NaiHe: "Since we already made it, then we should take all that there is."



Wei Wei feels silly. Indeed, she didn't notice this rule, but....classmate Great Master, how are you so certain that we will win...

But, but, this isn't the main point. The main point is, according to what the Great Master said, can it be that the plot at the end that almost made her cry is actually added on because he wanted to increase the length of it?

As she gets to this point in her thinking, Wei Wei can't help but open the video to check. Sure enough! The video isn't too long or too short. It is exactly 30 minutes, not even a second more.

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Even though the cruel facts are now placed in front of her, Wei Wei Still carries a bit of hope: "Then...how did you think up the ending? It's a lot better than the old ending."

NaiHe: "The old ending was also fine, adding flashbacks during the walk to the jump off the cliff can also make 30 minutes. But it made it too obvious."

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Playing flashbacks? He means to play the previously played, ready made parts? How come this sounds like what you call adding extraneous padding...Wei Wei remembers that there seems like there is still a lot of these flashbacks in the current ending. With much difficulty, she asks: "Then the current ending...is actually made for showing flashbacks?"

"Pretty much."

Wei Wei has nothing to say.

So the great master didn't just add to the length, but to add to the length, he inserted a ton of flashbacks. The Great Master's ending is completely the result of procrastination and laziness. What's that about being touching, what's that about life and death being boundless, they are all fleeting clouds on the horizon...

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Wei Wei suddenly feels that the her who was extremely moved was truly too idiotic...

Presently, with a complicated feeling, Wei Wei puts up the video on the official website. As to why she is putting it up and not the Great Master, it is of course because the Great Master is too lazy to register >\_<

After posting up the video, Wei Wei and NaiHe goes to do quests. After doing the quest, she browses the forum post and is immediately shocked by the number of views and replies.

How can there be so many replies?!

Some replies were actually written within a second of her posting it up. In such a short time, they, simply, could not have watched the video. But once she sees the contents of the replies, Wei Wei understands.

In the end, it is still affected by LittleRainYaoYao (*LittleRainEnchantress*) having to take down her video and refilm, and ASmileNaiHe (*WhyNotJustSmile*) challenging RealWaterIsScentless. These two things not only set their own server abuzz, it was also an extremely hot topic on the forum. Even now, it is still a hot topic. So as soon as Wei Wei's video came out, a whole bunch of people immediately came over to check out the excitement and surprise — Unexpectedly, ASmileNaiHe and ReedWeiWei (*HumbleReed*) also entered the competition! Is it to compete with LittleRainYaoYao? Clearly it is! Some people even guess that there will be LittleRainYaoYao's character in the video, of course, she will appear as a villainous character.

After Wei Wei sees all this, she can't help but make a silent "tsk" sound in her mind! Some people are really narrow minded, commenting randomly before even watching the video. A random, inexplicable third (*romantic*) party wouldn't appear in her video!

Besides, her and the Great Master are such a magnificent and brilliant image, who needs a third party to set things off >o<

Wei Wei flips through the pages. When she reaches the fifth page, she finally sees a comment on the actual video itself. It is a female who replied. She put a few crying emoticons one after the other, wailing that she actually cried from watching.

Hehehe, she cried. Wei Wei is happy now.

That's great, she isn't the only one who was tricked by the Great Master!

After seeing a succession of replies with people saying they were crushed, Wei Wei happily returns to the game and tells NaiHe: "Have you seen the forum replies? Many people say they cried from watching it. But I've been made the scapegoat by you. In the video, you wrote that I am the screenwriter. Everyone's saying I'm very twisted..."

Indeed, if a story filled with laughter in the beginning, hilarity in the middle, and tragedy at the end, is not called twisted, then it must be called infuriating.

NaiHe: "I didn't look. Tell me when the results come out."

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It is obviously his work, how can he not be excited at all? Wei Wei says: "Kkk, I will look at it every day and report it back to you ^\_<"

In the following few days, whether she is busy or not, Wei Wei keeps watch on the computer, browsing the replies.

The video became more and more popular, this time isn't because the power of gossip. Instead it is because of the video itself. Some people praised the high quality of the production. When they discover that the producer is ASmileNaiHe, they are even more amazed. One player says: "The quality of this video! ASmileNaiHe is truly too formidable. He not only can fight, his skills are also this formidable. He is truly an all-around skilled person."

Even more people discuss the plot, discussing the ending and the white robed musician's choice.

There are so many of this type of discussion that Wei Wei even becomes confused after reading them. Once she couldn't help herself and asks NaiHe: "Why did the musician have to kill off the female thief?"

After being silent for awhile, NaiHe, with his matchless rationality, replies, "I'm certain this plot was written by you."

Wei Wei: "....."

Wei Wei: ">o<, it was me..."

But she was just being mischievous.

The still confused Wei Wei continues to ask: “Then if it was you, would you kill off the female thief?”

As soon as she sends off this question, Wei Wei suddenly realizes it wasn't too appropriate. She shouldn't ask like this, it seems like she's trying to pry into his private matters. But...she really does want to know...that line, “rather than letting her live in hate of me, it would be better for her to die,” has been appearing over and over again in her mind the past few days. She can't help but want to know whether the real ASmileNaHei is also someone who would say such a thing?

Fortunately, it seems like NaiHe didn't mind her overstepping and really quickly replies, “It isn't me.”

Wei Wei: “Hmm?”

NaiHe: “He isn't me, I wouldn't get to that point.”

Wei Wei is startled for a bit and, indescribably, a smile gradually rises up on her face.

During this time, LittleRainYaoYao and RealWaterIsScentless' new video is also posted up. But the popularity of it is clearly not as much as before. After all, whether it is the plot or the production of theirs, it is far inferior to the product of Wei Wei and the others.

Very quickly, the submission period ends and the voting period starts. Wei Wei and NaiHe's video leads by a wide margin the entire time, leaving RealWater and LittleRain's second place video far behind. Now, even the extremely modest Wei Wei feels that the probability of them winning is really high >o<

However, on the day before the results are to come out, Wei Wei receives a strange message from StormGoddessNiNi (*StormGoddessGirl*).

“Wei Wei, I have a question I want to ask you.”

“What is it?”

“You have to promise not to get angry first, before I ask.”

Wei Wei is frustrated. If you want to ask, then ask. Don't use this tactic. But she still says: “Say it, I won't get angry.”

“You really can’t get angry, ok? Actually, I’m asking this for someone else. If, I’m just saying if, someone gives you a huge amount of money, will you be willing to drop out of the competition?”

Wei Wei blinked and then quickly replied: “RealWaterIsScentless?”

StormGoddessNiNi: “WeiWei, you guessed it!”

Wei Wei: “There’s no need to guess.”

Isn’t this evident? If she drops out of the competition, then who will benefit from it? And who does StormGoddessNiNi know?

StormGoddessNiNi: “It seems like LittleRainYaoYao really quite likes that outfit, so concealing it from her, RealWaterIsScentless asked me to ask you. It seems like he’s too embarrassed to ask you directly. WeiWei, you’re not angry, are you?”

If Wei Wei is said to be not angry, then that is false. But if she is said to be angry, it’s also not worth it. Wei Wei’s fingers paused above the keyboard, thinking about how to reply.

Of course, she’s going to decline. But to directly reject someone who likes to use money to crush others doesn’t seem too satisfying. It doesn’t really make it backfire at him. The best method is to have more money than him. Anger him! Even though Wei Wei doesn’t actually have money...she can still pretend! They are separated by the internet anyway, and she doesn’t have to worry about being exposed.

Thus, Wei Wei, born in a worker’s family with fairly good living standards, starts ostentatiously typing out: “I’m not angry. Just amused. Surprised that someone actually wants to spend money to have me drop out. It’s too laughable. Does he think he will have more money than me?”

“How many houses does his family have in the entire world? What car does his servants drive to get groceries? What is the lineage of his family cat? What...”

Wei Wei tosses out N similar questions in a row until she can no longer invent anymore crazy nonsense before she “hmph”s and, in a very grandiose manner, throws out these last words: “If he plans on spending tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands to have me drop out, advise him not to say it out loud so

that he doesn't get embarrassed."

StormGoddessNiNi is clearly shocked. Tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands! Is it possible for RealWater to spend tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands, he sounded like he seemed to want to give a few thousand, at most ten thousand. Looks like ReedWeiWei is really too wealthy, casually saying out amounts in the tens of thousands!

"Wei Wei, so your family is actually this wealthy. I really couldn't tell!"

Wei Wei: ">o<, I'm just low-key."

StormGoddessNiNi says: "Then forget it. Wei Wei you're not angry are you? I actually didn't want to help him ask either. It's just that I felt that he seems to really love LittleRainYaoYao, and was a bit softhearted."

Before Wei Wei has the chance to reply to this, she sent another message over: "Do you know, they've met up and have become a couple in real life."

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 14

## Part 14: Torturous Quest

When it comes to gossip, StormGoddessNiNi's typing speed increases twofold; another message arrives right away: "They're both in City B. It's such a coincidence. Wei Wei, are you also there?"

Wei Wei: "Mm, I'm studying in City B."

It's not really much of a coincidence. The server they're on is called, "Imperial Storm," and it's normal for people from City B to all be on it. Speaking of which, maybe the Great Master and YuGong and the others are also from City B.....

Wei Wei falls into a daze.

StormGoddessNiNi: "I'm in City T, 555 (*boohoo*), otherwise I would meet up with you guys. Oh right, I have a photo of RealWater and LittleRainYaoYao together. RealWater is actually quite handsome. I have their photo. Wei Wei, do you want to see it?"

Wei Wei: ">o<, not interested"

Wei Wei is not the least bit curious in what RealWaterIsScentless looks like, otherwise, she would've asked for a photo a month or two ago before they "divorced." Another pair from the guild exchanged photos at the time, but they immediately separated after seeing how each other really looked like. That was also when RealWater suggested trading photos; Wei Wei was caught by surprise and replied uneasily: "I don't have a digital camera, so I don't have any digital photos." Although it was true, it clearly sounded like a fake excuse to turn him down.

Wei Wei feels that regardless of what excuse is used, it doesn't matter, as long as he understands that she has no interest in trading photos. They are only acquaintances on the internet; they don't know who they really are in real person, so they should be cautious of exchanging photos. Furthermore,

exchanging photos when they are a “married couple” in the game suggests a possible love relationship in real life, and Wei Wei doesn’t like this feeling at all.

But RealWaterIsScentless obviously didn’t think the same. Thinking back now, that was when RealWater’s attitude changed.

StormGoddessNiNi continues to persuade her: “You really don’t want to see it?”

Wei Wei: “No >o<”

StormGoddessNiNi feels dejected: “There’s gossip but you’re not interested. Wei Wei, you’re too not cute. Oh right, you’ve met ASmileNaiHe, haven’t you? Is he handsome, is he handsome?”

Wei Wei is stunned in front of her computer. She quickly replies with “no, I haven’t,” but she can’t help but wonder if Great Master NaiHe asks to trade photos, would she be willing to?

It seems like.....

She would.

What if NaiHe asks to meet her?

It seems like.....she also would.

Ah~~

Wei Wei is shocked from her “willingness” for both scenarios, but when she considers NaiHe’s personality, she doubts that he would ask, therefore, these two scenarios will never happen. After realizing this, she feels a bit sad.

She is able to forget anyone she has met in rivers and lakes, but as for NaiHe.....

Wei Wei refuses to think further.

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Wei Wei didn’t tell NaiHe about the bribery; it’s such a small matter that it’s not worth mentioning, therefore, there’s no need to worry the Great Master.

A day later, Wei Wei and NaiHe are announced winners of the video contest. They receive the rewards right away; due to the two times experience increase



reward, Wei Wei immediately gets bumped up a level.

Wei Wei is elated. After all, it's not easy for someone at her level to get bumped up to the next; her last level up has already been from two weeks ago. Of course, she also receives the rainbow-colored outfit as part of the reward. She puts it on right away; it sure is very pretty, dazzling, exquisite, and shining with brilliance. It can even change colors; red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, and indigo; all seven colors of the rainbow. Wei Wei tries out the colors.

YuGong says to NaiHe: "Put it on for us to see."

Wei Wei nods her head and sends two drooling smileys with heart-shaped eyes.

Although NaiHe doesn't like these complicated and exquisite clothing, seeing how much they anticipate it, he clicks to change his avatar's wardrobe. The pure white robed musician changes into a dandy purple clothed nobleman. Under their requests, he changes the color one by one, but stops after six of them.

MonkeyWine says: "Six? There's one color missing."

MoZhaHim shouts: "Green, it's green!"

NaiHe ignores them, keeping his thoughts to himself. He instantly changes his wardrobe back to being the white robed musician.

YuGong and MoZhaHim "hehehehe" laugh wickedly at the same time.

Wei Wei suddenly realizes what they're laughing at. Green.....

The Great Master's hair accessory is a white jade hairpin, but the rainbow outfit comes with a hat instead, so when it's green.....

It's a green hat (*made a cuckold*).....

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MoZhaHim says purposely: "Third brother, what's wrong? Why are you not wearing the couple outfit with third sister-in-law? Is it because....."

NaiHe says: "We're an old married couple. We don't need to mind so much about these things."

Wei Wei is dumbstruck.

Oh Great Master, if you don't want to wear it, just don't wear it then. Why come up with an excuse and even saying that we're an old married couple.....

In the next few days, Wei Wei continues to wear the rainbow-colored outfit; not that she likes it a lot, it's just that she doesn't want to let it go to waste after spending so much effort on the video and winning it. It's actually quite a hassle to wear it because the outfit has no attributes; it doesn't boost your defense or attacks. She'll be beaten to death if she wears it while fighting monsters. Therefore, she always has to change her wardrobe before battles.

However, one time, after Wei Wei forgets to change her wardrobe, she is killed by a low level boss with one strike. Wei Wei gets upset and from then on, she tosses the outfit into the trunk and never wears it again.

Interestingly, although Wei Wei only wore the outfit for two to three days, she bumped into LittleRainYaoYao a few times. She usually doesn't bump into her for at least ten days to half a month, but when she bumped into her for the third time, Wei Wei felt a bit awkward. Wei Wei hopes that she doesn't think that she was showing off on purpose.....

Anyway, she can think however she wants. Whatever!

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The couple PK competition is also announced at the same time as the winner of the video contest. After a month of waiting, the rules and schedule for the PK competition are finally here. Wei Wei reads them and feels that they're reasonable.

The PK competition is to commence on Friday of next week, and it will last for a month. The first half of the month will be local servers' competitions starting with points accumulation battles; the top sixteen of each server will compete for top spot, and then the top couple of each server will compete against each other for the finals.

Wei Wei takes note of the final competition, which is on June 14th at 8pm. Her level 6 exam ([College English Test](#)) is in the afternoon on June 21st, which means that even if they make it to the finals, she will still have a week left to

concentrate on studying English.

Very good. It's perfect.

Wei Wei nods in satisfaction and starts to plan her time for playing and studying next month. NaiHe is rather relaxed about it; after he and Wei Wei goes to the NPC to sign up, he says to her: "If there's a competition, just let me know the day before."

Wei Wei, his follower, nods immediately: "Mm, no problem."

Compared to NaiHe's serene attitude, MonkeyWine and YuGong are much more excited about it; they keep asking them to PK with them before the competition, saying that this will help them practice.

MonkeyWine says: "Come, pretend that we're your opponents. Let's pretend this is a PK competition."

NaiHe says: "Our opponents are couples. Which of you is the husband, and which of you is the wife?"

MonkeyWine replies: "Of course I'm the husband."

YuGong jumps up immediately: "No, I'm the husband."

MonkeyWing: "I'm taller than you."

YuGong: "I'm heavier than you."

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The two of them argues childishly for a moment, and then ends up PKing each other when they can't settle it.....

Wei Wei looks at NaiHe in admiration. Great Master, oh, Great Master, you defeat others without even needing to shed blood.

Anyway, since YuGong and MonkeyWine can't decide who's husband and who's wife, they didn't get any practice. Their main activity before going to the competitions is to go fight bosses.

Wei Wei and NaiHe continue to leave the team every now and then to do couple quests. They're almost done with the advanced level couple quests; only

the last one is not complete, which is the legendary and most torturous out of all torturous quests, "[The Return of the Condor Heroes](#)."

How torturous is the quest? It's so torturous that since the creation of the game, no one has ever successfully completed it. Wei Wei and NaiHe begin working on it and realize that it is indeed torturous; every stage of the quest is difficult and tedious.

Take fighting monsters as an example. In the quest, there is a monster that shamelessly voids all non-attack type spells; whenever its blood level drops to a certain threshold, it will always perform a Miracle Cure and replenish all of its health. It also prevents profile lookup, so players cannot see how much health it has.....NaiHe finally kills it after estimating its health and frequency of performing Miracle Cure.

As a result, Wei Wei worships the Great Master even more. She also tried estimating the monster's health, but wasn't able to estimate it so quickly. He's so quick that he's not even human, not human at all.

Besides the traditional fighting monsters and collecting ingredients parts in "The Return of the Condor Heroes" quest, it also torturously sets a time limit on players to complete riddles, mazes, and etcetera. There's even a game of chess.....Although players can choose to play either [Xianqi \(Chinese Chess\)](#) or [Go](#) and only need to make a few moves, there are definitely players who don't know how to play either of them.....

Like Wei Wei ==

Thank goodness for Great Master NaiHe who knows everything.

They pass each stage successfully, but when they get to the very last stage, Wei Wei finally sees what is more tortuous than torturous.

After talking to the NPC of the last stage, the system bot suddenly sends Wei Wei to a mysterious place that is not on the map; NaiHe must find her within the next 16 hours. If he doesn't find her, the quest is deemed incomplete.

Wei Wei now understands why the quest is called "The Return of the Condor Heroes"; it is a complete mock of Yang Guo and Xiao Long Nu's storyline of being separated for 16 years.

With that said, could this pitch black place that she is in right now the same as the place in the novel? Could this be the bottom of the cliff? Wouldn't this mean that NaiHe would need to jump off the cliff to find her?

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Thankfully, the system is not so crazy as to shut off their chat windows. They are still able to contact each other.

NaiHe: "What is the surrounding like?"

Wei Wei: "It's very, very, very dark....."

Wei Wei is embarrassed of her description, but NaiHe is quite calm about it: "You can't see anything?"

Wei Wei: "Nope."

NaiHe: "Any noises?"

Wei Wei pays close attention for a minute: "I think there's water."

NaiHe: "Mm, I know where it is."

They didn't talk after that. Wei Wei can't simply just sit and wait for NaiHe to find her, so she starts searching around in the dark to see if there's any information that she can give to NaiHe. She also goes online to search, but as mentioned before, since no one has ever passed the quest, there are no guides available. As for the official site, their description of the final stage is only in one line — "couples must rely on their telepathy to pass the stage."

This is truly insane — —

Ten minutes pass and Wei Wei receives a new message; she thought that it was NaiHe, but when she opened it, it was from Guild Master, BattleTheWorld.

BattleTheWorld: "Reed, why did your party steal the boss fight of someone in our guild?"

The guild that Wei Wei belongs to is called, Sound of Blue Ocean Tides Pavilion, which is one of the top four guilds on the local server. The creator is a female player named UnawakenedButterflyDreams. Wei Wei knew ButterflyDream when she first started playing, so she joined the guild when it was first

established; she is also considered one of the senior leaders of the guild, even though she has never really taken any authoritative positions.

UnawakenedButterflyDreams switched jobs two months ago, so she got busy and transferred her Guild Master position to her husband, BattleTheWorld. Wei Wei doesn't know BattleTheWorld well, but RealWaterIsScentless is rather close with him.

Wei Wei is a bit puzzled from receiving the message.

“What boss fight?? I've been in a couple's quest all this time.”

BattleTheWorld: “YuGongClimbsAMountain and MonkeyWine, aren't they from your party?”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 15

## Part 15: Till we meet again in Rivers and Lakes

YuGong and MonkeyWine? It's true, they were going to go kill a boss, but how can they snatch someone else's boss? Wei Wei still has faith in them for something like this. It is probably a misunderstanding.

With this in mind, thinking to clear up the misunderstanding, Wei Wei calmly says: "Can you please provide more details on what happened?"

BattleTheWorld: "Reed, shouldn't you give me an explanation? You are a part of our guild after all. Your team snatching a guild member's boss cannot be explained away. Plus the items that the boss dropped were things the guild member needed urgently. I leave it to you to resolve this."

The other party is persistently condemning her and still can't clear it up after so long. Wei Wei doesn't feel like asking him again, so she says: "Which guild member's team was it? Tell me the name and I will go ask YuGong."

After a pause, BattleTheWorld replies with four words: "LittleRainQingQing."

Wei Wei: "....."

Extremely frustrated doesn't even come close to describing Wei Wei's current feelings. She looks at her friends list, StormGoddessNiNi (*StormGoddessGirl*) is online; she sends a message to her: "When did LittleRainQingQing join our guild?"

Wei Wei knows about LittleRainYaoYao (*LittleRainEnchantress*) joining Sound of Blue Ocean Tides Pavilion and wasn't surprised about it. After marriage, it is common for the wife to join the guild of the husband or the husband to join the guild of the wife. But how come LittleRainQingQing also joined? When did the standards for joining Sound of Blue Ocean Tides Pavilion get so low?

StormGoddessNiNi quickly replies: "It was last week. WeiWei you didn't know?"

Wei Wei: “I didn’t know. Who accepted her?”

StormGoddessNiNi: “The Guild Master. She was accepted because of her relation to RealWater and YaoYao. Oh, that’s right, you weren’t online when they joined the guild. The entire LittleRain clan has joined our guild.”

Wei Wei: “.....”

StormGoddessNiNi: “I was wondering why you didn’t have a reaction to it. I was afraid to bring it up myself. *sigh*, actually LittleRainYaoYao isn’t that bad as a person, but that LittleRainQingQing is extremely annoying. She always acts coquettishly towards the men in the guild. It’s disgusting. WeiWei, I’ll tell you this in secret, I’ve seen LittleRainQingQing and Guild Master Battle (*BattleTheWorld*) alone together many times. They even rode on the same horse together...”

With Wei Wei’s one question, her gossip craving is induced and starts talking non-stop. Right now, Wei Wei isn’t in the mood to gossip with her and isn’t interested in that hideous mess. She sends a message to YuGong: “YuGong, you guys saw LittleRainQingQing when you were killing a boss?”

YuGong: “I think so. Didn’t really pay attention. There were five or six parties waiting for the boss to appear. I was fast and got the kill. Hehe, the boss dropped really good equipment. I’ll give them to you later. Are you and Third Brother done with your quest?”

There is no need to ask anymore after what YuGong said. Of course, Wei Wei didn’t think that they would go and snatch someone else’s boss. Now that her thoughts have been confirmed, she replies back in a relaxed manner: “Not yet.”

YuGong: “What crap! Third Brother is too crappy, too crappy.”

Wei Wei quickly defends NaiHe: “It’s the quest that’s twisted!!!”

Don’t slander the Great Master so casually, okay? >o<

Wei Wei describes the twisted nature of the quest, on one end, to YuGong, while on the other end, she sends a message to BattleTheWorld: “Guild Master Battle, why don’t you ask LittleRainQingQing what happened again and then, you had better give me a good explanation.”



BattleTheWorld: "What do you mean by this? Reed, I know that you have objections towards QingQing and the others, but I hope that you can judge the matter as it stands."

Receiving such a reply. Wei Wei can only speechlessly face BattleTheWorld.

Judge the matter as it stands. When was she not judging the matter as the stands? Just who is it that's trying to cause problems!

Before, she had always felt that the way this BattleTheWorld handled things were always a bit muddled. Now, it looks like something's just muddled with his mind. Wei Wei doesn't spend more time wasting words on him. She opens the guild chat channel and 'yells' out to LittleRainQingQing.

[Guild][ReedWeiWei (*HumbleReed*): LittleRainQingQing.

[Guild][ReedWeiWei]: I'd like to ask you to explain to Guild Master Battle what the actual circumstances were in the so-called my party snatching your boss.

Her one sentence stirs up thousands of waves. Those originally lurking in the guild comes out one after another.

[Guild][StormGoddessNiNi]: WeiWei, what boss snatching?"

[Guild][RealWaterIsScentless]: (blank emoticon)

[Guild][BrightSunlight]: What happened?

[Guild][ReedWeiWei]: Guild Master Battle suddenly interrogated me just now about why my party stole LittleRainQingQing's party's boss. I've been in a quest with ASmileNaiHe (*WhyNotJustSmile*) and didn't go kill the boss. After asking YuGongClimbsAMountain and MonkeyWine, I discovered that there was some discrepancy. Now I want LittleRainQingQing to come out and clear it up face to face.

[Guild][StormGoddessNiNi]: Eh, Wei Wei you weren't even in the party. What does it have to do with you?

[Guild][ReedWeiWei]: Be that as it may, but if YuGong and them stole it, I will still take responsibility. But, from what YuGong says, they were all waiting for the boss to appear and his party was just faster. Of course, this is just what he says and I won't just hear what I want to hear, so I'm waiting for LittleRainQingQing's

explanation.

[Guild][reyo]: Where is LittleRainQingQing?

[Guild][[MengHaoRan](#)]: LittleRainQingQing, come out and say whether they really stole it or not.

The guild chat is really lively, but LittleRainQingQing does not come out. After a bit, LittleRainYaoYao came out.

[Guild][LittleRainYaoYao]: QingQing is currently not on. She probably got disconnected and left.

Disconnected?

BattleTheWorld isn't saying anything anymore either, did he also get disconnected? Can there be such a coincidence to get disconnected at the same time? Wei Wei isn't an idiot, so she says immediately: "LittleRainQingQing, if you don't want to say, then I'll go ask on the world channel. There were many parties there at the time, I'm sure someone will be willing to say what happened."

This time, LittleRainQingQing quickly came out.

[Guild][LittleRainQingQing]: I went out just now, what happened?

[Guild][LittleRainQingQing]: Oh, that thing. I was just saying boss snatching. I didn't manage to snatch it, so I said that they snatched it away. Was I wrong in saying this? I didn't know that TheWorld (*BattleTheWorld*) would misunderstand and go ask you about it.

With this, she has actually put all the blame on BattleTheWorld. Wei Wei, who already didn't like this LittleRainQingQing, now despises her for not taking responsibility. If she really just said it like that, would BattleTheWorld come and interrogate her with such conviction like that? Even suggesting that she hand over the equipment?

BattleTheWorld isn't an idiot.

[Guild][ReedWeiWei]: So according to you, it was Guild Master Battle who purposely distorted what you said to come and slander me? Then Guild Master Battle should give me an explanation? It's not very pleasant to be slandered.

[Guild][RealWaterIsScentless]: Looks like it was just a misunderstanding.

There's no need to bicker about it.

Misunderstanding? Wei Wei sneers on the inside.

StormGodessNiNi sends over a private chat message: "I bet LittleRainQingQing threw a tantrum towards BattleTheWorld shrewdly speaking bad about you, but didn't think that BattleTheWorld would actually go and ask you about it, getting it exposed. But then again, it's hard to say, she's always like this. *sigh*, calling for the men in the guild to help her take revenge and stuff. She probably wanted to get someone else to do her dirty work (*lit. borrow another's sword to kill someone*)?"

Wei Wei bluntly replies: "Then the sword she borrowed was really too blunt."

BattleTheWorld still hasn't said anything. Wei Wei says: "Guild Master Battle has also disconnected?"

After waiting a while, there is still no reply. Wei Wei isn't worried either; her fingers gracefully types out: "Even though Guild Master Battle misunderstood me earlier, I admire Guild Master Battle's conduct of trying to bring justice for an ordinary guild member. But why is he not speaking now, does the sense of justice vary from person to person?"

BattleTheWorld is finally forced out.

[Guild][BattleTheWorld]: It was me who got it wrong. It's great that it's a misunderstanding. An united guild is very important. But, there is another thing that Reed needs to take note.

He wants to ride it through that easily?! And even has another move?

Wei Wei is already in a bad mood from being blamed, but since getting angry isn't the best way to solve things, she has been patiently bearing with it. But seeing his attitude now, she can't help but really get angry. The more angry she gets, the more cool-headed she is. At a pace neither too fast nor too slow, she typed out: "What is it, please say it."

BattleTheWorld: "When RealWater and YaoYao got married, the medicine that you sold on Vermilion Bird Bridge were made from the materials of the guild, right? Normally, you don't sell it by yourself. Of course, doing it once in a while is alright. Just take note of it next time. Haha."

Wei Wei is disgusted by the last “haha” of his. She understands that he had been embarrassed just now and is now looking for something else to get his self-respect back. If it was someone with a softer temper, then it would be left to allow him this, but how is Wei Wei going to let it just slide. She sharply says: “Substitute Guild Master still bothers to remember such a thing that happened so long ago. These medicine were, indeed, made from the herbal material from the guild’s warehouse, but the herbs to make these medication were max leveled. How many max leveled gatherers are there in the guild?”

The guild chat channel becomes completely silent.

When the Guild Master and a senior leader quarrel, the average guild member, naturally, can’t cut in. Those who are susceptible realizes that ReedWeiWei’s address of BattleTheWorld has already changed from “Guild Master Battle” to “Substitute Guild Master”, and are even less inclined to speak.

No one replies to her. Wei Wei continues: “If my memory serves me, there are two, including me. The other is HuanHuanXiXi (*Happily*), but HuanHuanXiXi is a senior in high school and needs to take the college entrance exam, and hasn’t been online for many months.”

Wei Wei: “So all the herbal material in the guild’s warehouse are all actually gathered by me. What objection does Substitute Guild Master have in me selling medicine made from the herbal material that I gathered myself?”

BattleTheWorld becomes angry and says: “Reed, don’t be so satisfied with yourself. Even though max level medicine requires high level herbs, low level herbs are also needed. Those low level herbs has to be from the guild’s warehouse, right?”

The composed Wei Wei answers: “Alright, since Substitute Guild Master wants to settle the accounts. Then let us calculate it. What is the price of high level herbs on the market? What is the price of low level herbs? How much medicine have I made for the guild for free?”

The price difference between high level herbs and low level herbs are like night and day. And max level medicine isn’t purchasable. BattleTheWorld would be foolish to respond. Originally, he had just meant to pick at something casually to get himself off the hook; He didn’t think that this ReedWeiWei would actually be

this aggressive.

BattleTheWorld: “It goes without saying that contributing to the guild is a necessary responsibility of the members.”

Wei Wei gives him measure for measure: “But don’t take my free labor for granted! Since I’ve always made medicine for the guild for free, I don’t even have the freedom to sell some of my own medicine?!”

Wei Wei: “And after I give my contribution, in spite of it all, what I get is all sorts of slander?!”

At this time, a lower healer in the guild timidly speaks: “Even though WeiWei jie (*older sister*) uses the low level herbs that we gather, we also use the high level herbs that WeiWei jie gathers to increase our levels.”

Seeing the situation becoming more and more deadlocked, and afraid that it will be hard for Wei Wei to stay in the guild later, StormGodessNiNi quickly came out to mediate: “Forget it, forget it. We’re part of the same guild. Amiability makes you rich (*idiom*).

After she speaks, the others of the guild all start saying things, trying to mediate the situation.

Wei Wei sends a smiley face emoticon; everyone relaxes, thinking that the mediation has worked. Unexpectedly, immediately afterwards, a line of text pops out, shocking them to silence.

[Guild][ReedWeiWei]: LittleRainQingQing, you and I are well aware of what actually happened. Either you apologize to me right now, or don’t let me catch you trying to kill a boss. Else I’ll make the charge you accuse me of today become reality.

Forget it? Before BattleTheWorld brought up the medicine deal, that might have been possible. She isn’t someone who pursues something hot headedly anyway. But it is impossible now. Handling things in real life might require meticulous consideration of the consequences, but that’s not needed in a game. If one can’t even quickly end a grudge in the game, then what’s the point of playing. She is here to play, not to be bullied.

Almost immediately.

[Guild][LittleRainMianMain (*ContinuousLittleRain*)]: ReedWeiWei! You're being too much of a bully!

Those LittleRainXXs who have been silent due to being in the wrong start coming out, some defending, some attacking. Seeing these various things, one after another, Wei Wei's anger actually starts cooling off instead. She suddenly feels that this is all of no interest.

It already no longer is the old Sound of Blue Ocean Tides Pavilion anymore.

Those friends that she had struggled and fought with together, some has disappeared and others have quit. The few that are left have also become less talkative. Even former Guild Master ButterflyDream comes and goes in a hurry. And now there's the addition of the LittleRain clan...

They will just make things even more unbearable in the future.

How can just a pandemonium reigning place be Sound of Blue Ocean Tides Pavilion, neither the objects nor the people are it anymore. Is there any need to leave reluctantly? Being spurred on by some kind of impulse, barely without any thinking, Wei Wei leaves this speech behind.

[Guild][ReedWeiWei]: I've said what I needed to say. To my fellow friends, when we meet again in Rivers and Lakes (*the world*), we will still be friends.

After saying this, without looking at the everyone's reaction, Wei Wei opens the guild interface and clicks on the lower right corner — Quit.

Do you really want to quit from Sound of Blue Ocean Tides Pavilion?

Yes.

[Guild]: All good things must come to an end. ReedWeiWei quits from Sound of Blue Ocean Tides Pavilion.

Immediately afterwards, the system bot makes a new announcement.

[System Bot]: Rivers and Lakes skilled master, ReedWeiWei has quit from Sound of Blue Ocean Tides Pavilion.

Usually, when a player quits from a guild, the system bot doesn't make an announcement. But it is different for the top one hundred players on the Overall Leaderboard. The system bot will announce their movements within guilds. As

soon as the announcement is made, the world channel immediately started discussing it.

[World][NotWearingUndiesIsVeryRefreshing]: ReedWeiWei has left Blue Ocean?

[World][[DreamPoolEssay](#)]: LittleRainYaoYao went to Blue Ocean, Reed probably can't stand them being lovey dovey to each other.

[World][NeMo]: Don't make unfounded remarks. Reed's husband, ASmileNaiHe is much more awesome than RealWaterIsScentless.

[World][PinkBubbles]: So what if he's awesome in game. RealWaterIsScentless and LittleRainYaoYao are a genuine handsome man and beautiful woman couple. I've seen the pictures.

[World][EmptinessAfterMist]: Another skilled master has left Blue Ocean. Looks like Blue Ocean is completely dying. It was already in imminent danger when ButterflyDreams left. Now that ReedWeiWei has left, it'll soon fall down from it's place in the top four.

[World][RighteousWorld]: ReedWeiWei, come to our RighteousWorld guild. You will definitely be treated better here than in Blue Ocean.

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[System Bot]: For maliciously flooding the screen, player, RighteousWorld, is banned from speaking for an hour.

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Compared to the world, Wei Wei's friends chat is even more lively.

StormGodessNiNi: "WeiWei, how come you've quit the guild. Don't!!!!!!"

Wei Wei isn't feeling talkative, and only says, "It's nothing. Just want some peace."

StormGodessNiNi: “Then you will still come back, right?”

Without the slightest hesitation, Wei Wei replies with one word: “No.”

YuGong and MonkeyWine also sends messages over. YuGong is a smart person and immediately associates it with Wei Wei’s questioning earlier. “You leaving the guild has to do with the LittleRain clan? Has to do with me, too?”

Wei Wei says: “>o<”

YuGong: “It really does?”

Wei Wei: “Eh, no. I wanted to say that you aren’t that important yet...”

YuGong: “.....”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 16

## Part 16: Together with me

Wei Wei hastily replies to all of the inquiries from her friends. During this entire time, no message comes from NaiHe. Wei Wei moves the mouse to block the world channel and everything becomes tranquil in a split second.

On the computer screen is still the same blackness. Only the heroine in red's body is faintly lit, barely making out her silhouette. Looking at the screen, Wei Wei slowly starts feeling a bit lonely.

It's true that guilds in the game aren't actually anything, but at least it is a type of memory. She had invested in it and had been happy because of it. She might not regret leaving so suddenly, but it's hard to avoid the disappointment and frustration.

What's more, she left in such a manner.

What's more, the system bot has even shut her in a small black room by herself at this time >o<

Wei Wei isn't someone who thinks too much about things, but facing such a quiet and dull screen, she gradually becomes a bit gloomy. She randomly clicks the mouse to make the heroine in red walk back and forth. After walking in a whole bunch of circles, she still can't break out of it. Just as she is suffering from pent up frustration, there is a ding sound and a message pops up on screen.

Your husband, ASmileNaiHe, has passed the test of the last stage, "Yearning for Each Other Enchantment." Congratulations, you have completed The Return of the Condor Heroes quest.

Completed?

Wei Wei can't help but be startled.

After the appearance of the message, the black picture also changes. Suddenly, countless dots of light appear, they connect together into lines and

slowly flow through. The darkness is dispersed, the entire surroundings can be seen perfectly. Wei Wei finds that she is indeed underneath a precipice, surrounded by precipitous mountain walls. On her right side, there is a small waterfall and a deep natural pond. This is probably where the sounds of water were coming from. Flowers and grass grow tall around the pond.

And NaiHe, like a divine immortal slowly descends to her side in this brightness. That's right, descends.

Because he is sitting on the back of a large snow white bird.

Wei Wei is practically dumbstruck while looking at this scene. The Great Master's method of appearance is truly too radiant and lofty, the only thing different from an angel descending are two wings...

Only after quite a while does Wei Wei remember to speak, and very unconsciously types out: "You found me?"

As soon as it's sent, she becomes embarrassed...that sentence is so stupid. It's simply asking something one already knows the answer to. But, in the instant she saw the Great Master just now, the only thing that jumped into her head was that sentence.

He found her...

Her mood suddenly became brighter.

NaiHe gets off the saddle and replies to her like so: "Mmm, sorry for making the Mrs. wait for so long."

Wei Wei: ">o<"

While Wei Wei continues to be embarrassed, right underneath the announcement about ReedWeiWei quitting the guild, the system bot rapidly made a new announcement.

[System Bot] ASmileNaiHe and ReedWeiWei have completed the final couple quest, The Return of the Condor Heroes. They are rewarded with 1,000,000 player experience points, the title of Rivers and Lakes Number One Divine Immortal Couple, and the first flying mount in 'Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes', 'Divine Condor.'

Of course, the world channel becomes ebullient again. A flying mount; ‘Dream Voyage’ actually also has flying mounts!

[World][GoodRain]: Flying mount!!!!

[World][BigCitySmallWrongs] There can’t be just one of them. Is ‘Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes’ going to start having a flying system?

[World][NotWearingUndiesIsVeryRefreshing]: I want one too~~~~

[World][SkywardAvenue]: Refreshing bro, it won’t be very decent for you to ride a flying mount, right? When you fly, those beneath you will see everything.

[World][NotWearingUndiesIsVeryRefreshing] Psh, I (*arrogant*) am not afraid of being seen. It’ll be even more refreshing when flying.

The discussion on the topic of riding rockets. In addition, there is also discussion on the people.

[World][yoyo1212]: I find that whenever everyone feels that ReedWeiWei is tragic, with matchless speed, she will come out with something impressive. It was like this with the wedding last time too.

[World][RapeseedFlower]: That’s right. When RealWaterIsScentless and her got divorced last time, I thought she was tossed away. In the blink of an eye, she gets married to ASmileNaiHe in the end. Powerful!

[World][AYing]: Don’t tell me RealWaterIsScentless is the one who was tossed aside?

[World][YuGongClimbsAMountain]: Young lady, AYing, you are so smart. Come, older brother will take you to kill bosses.

[World][AYing]: Ah, blushing.

[World][MonkeyWine]: Hehe, someone’s shameless.

[World][MoZhaHim]: Hoho, someone’s jealous.

[World][AYing]: MonkeyWine ge ge (*older brother*), I am AYing di di (*younger brother*), really embarrassing.

[World][MoneyWine]: Hahahahahahahahaha~~

Wei Wei knows nothing of the lively clamor on the world channel. She has

blocked out that screen and is now admiring the large bird with a type of explosive happiness.

“This is a Divine Condor?”

The large snow white bird currently has its neck raised in a spirited manner for Wei Wei to size up. Wei Wei makes two rounds around it, filled with pleasant surprise. Suddenly she recalls something: “That’s not right.”

NaiHe: “What?”

Wei Wei: “I clearly remember that Yang Guo’s (*main protagonist in Return of Condor Heroes*) condor is black. Why is this one white? It must be a bug!”

ASmileNaiHe says: “Comes, let us go roam around.”

Carrying the two of them, the white condor slowly flies towards Chang’an.

While Wei Wei is enjoying the fresh new view, she curiously asks NaiHe: “How did you find me?”

NaiHe says: “There were actually hints.”

On the whole, the game isn’t completely twisted enough to let him search without any hints. Sometimes, at some places, a prompt or two will be triggered and popup. For example, “You’ve picked up the pouch that your wife dropped. Perhaps she is nearby?” and such. After that, based on the prompts, he could slowly find the approximate location and then, at the end, he triggered the “Yearning for Each Other Enchantment.”

Wei Wei is flabbergasted: “Yearning for Each Other Enchantment. Can it be the legendary special five elemental spell...”

NaiHei: “It’s not that mysterious. Before I triggered the enchantment, the system bot told me how to escape. There were around ten or twenty thousand words shown in 10 seconds.”

Wei Wei is alarmed. One aspect is the system bot’s shamelessness. The other aspect is due to the valiant memory of the Great Master’s: “You actually memorized the entire prompt in just 10 seconds?”

That’s not quite human anymore, it’s even faster than speed reading.

After a moment of silence, NaiHe says: “I took a screenshot.”

Wei Wei: “.....”

That’s right, you can take screenshots. Only an idiot would try to memorize it.....she’s become stupid, her brain can’t even function anymore >o<

After asking a stupid question, Wei Wei is a bit embarrassed. She’s already asked pretty much everything she wanted, so she shuts up and pretends to be invisible. After flying for a period in silence, NaiHei suddenly speaks: “You quit your guild?”

Wei Wei doesn’t anticipate him asking about this and only replies after staring blankly for a while: “You saw it? Uh-huh, I’ve quit.”

NaiHe: “That’s fine, you can be with me in the future.”

Even though they are just chatting through typing and she can’t hear his voice or see his expression, somehow Wei Wei feels that those words by Great Master were really down played and very casual, and doesn’t know why she also relaxes on the inside. It is as if everything became clear at once. The last traces of the dark screen also scatters, Wei Wei says with valor, “Okay, we will roam far and wide together, being a pair of feral mandarin ducks (*proverb meaning couple engaged in an illicit love affair*) in rivers and lakes.”

Her speech is 70 percent valor and 30 percent mockery and didn’t expect NaiHe to be dissatisfied after hearing it: “Feral mandarin ducks? I recall that we had an official wedding.”

Wei Wei sluggishly types: “>o<”

Classmate Great Master, you really don’t have a sense of humor...

NaiHe says: “The title is very important.”

Wei Wei continues: “>o<”

Alright, classmate Great Master actually does have a sense of humor, it is just a bit colder...

At this time, their Divine Condor flies through Chang’an and towards the mountains and rivers past the city. Wei Wei gazes at the vast and boundless landscape, her mood gets better and better. She is a bit ashamed as she recalls

how she was actually depressed for so many minutes after quitting the guild just now.

It is really not worth it to get upset over that kind of person and that kind of thing. It is simply a waste of life. Might as well use that time to stroll around with Great Master and see the game's scenery!

Even though she's used to the scenery, it's different from the skies and the feeling is also different. Like in this current moment, she has an unprecedented feeling.

Her train of thought drifts. Gradually, the scenery fades from her eyes. Wei Wei's sight falls on her own character. In the picture, she and NaiHe are sitting intimated on the large condor. She is leaning into his embrace, his arms surrounding her. The white condor, the red shadow and the white robe is currently flying past the endless mountain ranges covered in snow in the sunset. They actually look a bit like a heavenly couple among the scenery.

Finally, Wei Wei's gaze falls upon the title that NaiHe had previously added—  
ReedWeiWei's Husband.

This is the title that NaiHe has been using this entire time. It is said he already has the excellent matchless title given to him by the system bot, "Number 1 Rivers and Lakes Master", but she has never seen him use it. NaiHe isn't actually someone who likes to use titles, same as her, but...

As if she is spurred on by something, Wei Wei can't help but open up the profile settings page and move her hands to change her title to one that she's always been too embarrassed to use, "ASmileNaiHe's wife."

She suddenly feels a bit of sweetness inside.

In the dorm room, Xiao Ling who has been writing a paper, has been writing a little and then glancing at Wei Wei. After glancing at her N times, she finally can't help but say uneasily: "Wei Wei..."

"Hm?" Wei Wei responds and looks at her, her face still holding onto a trace of a smile.

Xiao Ling looks at her smiling expression that is unable to be hidden in her

eyes, and says worriedly: “In the game, can you have, that...”

Wei Wei thinks that she just wants to admonish her for playing too much of the game, so she brandishes her hands carelessly: “Don’t worry, it won’t interfere with my exams. I’ve already finished writing my paper.”

Xiao Ling becomes depressed.

Who cares about her exams, who cares about her paper, what she’s worried about is...

Xiao Ling looks at Wei Wei. Underneath the faint yellow light, Bei Wei Wei’s exquisite features are even more apparent, but this beauty, is actually staring at a computer and radiating a blossoming smile...

Xiao Ling sighs on the inside. Wei Wei, oh Wei Wei, you don’t feel that the you right now, seems like you have...

Fallen!

In Love!

Online!

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 17

## Part 17: For My Wife to Play With

When people say that enemies often cross each other's paths, this is probably what it's like.

Wei Wei looks at those across from her; she can't help but feel speechless about her and NaiHe's opponents in their first battle of the points accumulation round.

The couples PK competition finally begins on Friday after much wait. The first round is points accumulation competitions; it will take half a month and there are no audiences to watch the games. The opponents are randomly picked by the system; the participating couple just needs to click on the NPC and they will be taken to a battling field. They won't know who their opponents are until they get there.

YuGong and the others send Wei Wei and NaiHe off as they click on the NPC to enter the field. The moment they enter it, Wei Wei is dumbfounded —their opponents, standing on the other side of the field, are actually RealWaterIsScentless and LittleRainYaoYao (*LittleRainEnchantress*).

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Participating players don't begin their PK battles right away; the system sets up a 3-minute preparation time before the battle. NaiHe glances at their opponents and says casually: "I'll take care of LittleRainYaoYao."

Wei Wei understands the Great Master's battling tactics right away; LittleRainYaoYao is weak in skill and her avatar type is a doctor, so she has no chance against NaiHe. NaiHe can defeat her first and then join forces with Wei Wei to defeat RealWaterIsScentless. It's the fastest way to end the battle.

But this will mean NaiHe killing LittleRainYaoYao. Will the LittleRain clan make a big fuss over it and go to the world channel and accuse NaiHe for bullying a



fragile girl?

Although it's ridiculous, Wei Wei won't be surprised to see them saying things like that. It's because this is exactly what LittleRainQingQing (*LittleRainForeverYoung*) did on the world channel the other day.

Wei Wei is bursting with energy just from thinking about what happened the day before; this is what you call the tables have turned after all the ups and down; let the climax begin~~

It is all a result of the argument about someone stealing someone else's boss.

Although Wei Wei said that she would really steal LittleRainQingQing's boss next time before quitting the guild, LittleRainQingQing was clearly not important enough for her to spend time tailing. Wei Wei originally planned to fulfill her promise whenever she bumped into her, but when she and NaiHe were completing a quest, NaiHe suddenly abandoned it midway, took her with him, and flew to another location.

At that location, LittleRainQingQing was just in the middle of fighting a boss.

As expected, classmate Wei Wei stole her first boss in the game and got the most sought-after priceless ingredient, Ice Feather; the system bot even announced her victory (the game makes an announcement when a player receives a precious item).

LittleRainQingQing was furious.

It turned out that the item that YuGong received from the last boss was not what LittleRainQingQing was after. What she wanted was the "Ice Feather" that the boss occasionally gave. It was a new item that the system recently launched. When used together with other precious items, the player could make a superb type of equipment.

There was obviously no way that LittleRainQingQing would let it go seeing that the Ice Feather fell into Wei Wei's hands. Therefore, she cried on the world channel saying that ASmileNaiHe (*WhyNotJustSmile*) and ReedWeiWei (*HumbleReed*), higher level players, bullied her, a weak and harmless girl. She cried that she went to fight a boss in order to get the Ice Feather because that was the last missing item that she needed to make a new equipment. She said

that she spent a lot of money gathering the other ingredients but ReedWeiWei snatched the Ice Feather, so her other expensive ingredients had all become garbage.

She was well prepared; a couple of members supported her here and there on the world channel, so some players were deceived by her and pointed their fingers at Wei Wei. LittleRainQingQing's supporters took the opportunity and demanded Wei Wei to return the Ice Feather.

Even LittleRainYaoYao showed up. Although she did not blame Wei Wei and only said a few gentle words explaining that they had a little misunderstanding, she still felt that ReedWeiWei had gone a little too far. She further said that enemies were easy to make but friends were hard to come by, so she wished that ReedWeiWei would discontinue her act and the like.

A pretty girl's influence was obviously great. Many expressed their approval right after.

RealWaterIsScentless quickly followed suit, expressing that he was willing to pay a high price to get the Ice Feather.

Wei Wei laughed out loud.

It seemed like LittleRainYaoYao was settling a fight, but she was actually cornering Wei Wei. Even if Wei Wei explained the whole situation from beginning to end, people would still believe that she was a bitter and petty person. As for RealWaterIsScentless? He demonstrated the idiom, "compromise for the general interest," to the fullest. You see, even though you stole our boss, we are still willing to spend money to buy what you stole. See how pitiful, how much we have been bullied, and how sincere we are?

Wei Wei was disgusted. Of course, she wasn't a person that was easy to be bullied. She made screencaps of the conversation she had with BattleTheWorld. Just as she was about to reply, a low level account player named, "JustWontEatAMeal," appeared saying that LittleRainQingQing stole his team's boss. He added that LittleRainQingQing was actually the high level player who bullied others, while ReedWeiWei helped them righteously when she passed by.

LittleRainQingQing wouldn't admit it, but the low level player immediately uploaded a video of LittleRainQingQing stealing their boss onto the forum. Now

that the evidence was presented, LittleRainQingQing fled without saying a word.

Not to mention the people on the world channel, even Wei Wei was shocked from such a dramatic turn of events. She wasn't dumb, so she knew the answer just from thinking about it thoroughly.

She couldn't help but giggle.

The world channel exploded again. Those who supported the LittleRain clan blindly were too embarrassed to say anything; they either disappeared right after LittleRainQingQing or apologized to Wei Wei.

Wei Wei actually didn't really care about their attacks, but since it was such a good chance to take it out on them, she couldn't let it pass. Therefore, she said the following calmly as if she had been through a lot—

[World][ReedWeiWei]: "I haven't talked much because I thought that it was okay as long as I knew that I was innocent and knew who was guilty in my heart, but after many pointed their fingers at me, I feel disheartened."

Wei Wei felt sour from her own words, but for the sake of impact, she sent the message out. Hehheh, who doesn't know how to pretend to be pitiful?~~~ Once her message went out, who would believe that she would go steal LittleRainQingQing's boss after that?

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Oh no, she had really become bad under the Great Master's influence.....

Seeing that things were about to end, Wei Wei was just going to sign out, but she suddenly saw her husband, who was usually reticent, responding.

[World][ASmileNaiHe]: "Buying all Ice Feathers at a high price."

ASmileNaiHe rarely spoke on the world channel, he had pretty much never. Therefore, when he spoke, this was how people reacted—

[World][AngelPullingMillstone]: "Wow, picture! Picture!"

[World][TrippedOverRedRoastedPork]: "(smiley with stars on its eyes) Great expert, please sign me an autograph."

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Wei Wei was dripping with cold sweat from reading the messages. She tried hard to remember if she was like this the first time she saw NaiHe.....

So embarrassing~~~

After all the fuss on getting pictures taken, someone asked out of curiosity.

[World][StepOnPig]: “ASmile, are you collecting Ice Feather to make a new weapon too?”

[World][ASmileNaiHe]: “Not interested.”

[World][StepOnPig]: “(smiley with suspicious look) What are you collecting it for then?”

[World][ASmileNaiHe]: “To give it to my wife to play with.”

Wei Wei nearly choked herself. Great Master, you sure know how to make people go nuts.....

Wei Wei closed off the world channel, turned around and asked NaiHe: “Is that ‘JustWontEatAMeal’ one of you guys’ [smurf account](#)?”

She was ninety percent certain, otherwise, how could there be such a coincidence; a low level account happened to had record the whole event of her and NaiHe snatching someone else’s boss.

Just as she thought, NaiHe said: “It’s YuGong and the others.”

YuGong said proudly: “The three of us registered smurf accounts to go snatch bosses, especially LittleRainQingQing’s bosses. After doing it three times, she couldn’t stand us anymore and killed us off, hahaha!”

He got more and more excited about it, sending N number of laughing smileys with hands on their waists. He was waiting for Wei Wei’s praises when he heard her sigh: “So scheming. Just so scheming!”

YuGong felt upset: “It was third brother who told us to do so. We’re innocent!”

Ah! So it was the Great Master!

Wei Wei immediately sent over a smiley with stars on its eyes while holding its

fist up: “Great Master, you’re incredible!”

YuGong, MonkeyWine, and the others lay down and pretended to be dead right after.

Wei Wei gathers her thought. At this moment, she can’t help but feel a little worry after hearing that NaiHe wants to defeat LittleRainYaoYao first.

“It’ll be good if you killed her off first. It’ll be the quickest way to end the battle, but from what I know about the LittleRain clan, they’ll probably say a lot of bad things on the world channel.”

The Great Master frowns his eyebrows: “Is there a need to discuss about how to kill them?”

Wei Wei: “.....”

That’s true —

There is really no need to discuss about how to kill them. Wei Wei even believes that with the equipment that the Great Master has given her, she can even take on the two of them by herself with over fifty percent chance of winning. She has tied with RealWater in PK battles in the past because he has better equipment than her, but her equipment level has also been upgraded now. Furthermore, RealWater has been beaten by the Great Master and downgraded three levels.....

An idea suddenly springs into her mind while thinking about this, so she asks excitedly: “How about this, I’ll take them on myself and you’ll deliver the last blow! If I really can’t handle the fight, you can jump in and help.”

“.....”

NaiHe seems to have looked at her speechlessly, and then carries his guqin to the corner and sits down quietly.

Therefore, Wei Wei is all fired up!

But her fire is extinguished mercilessly after three minutes is over.

RealWaterIsScentless and LittleRainYaoYao flee from the battle! The instant that the three minute preparation time is over, they quit right away and disappear in the blink of an eye.

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Wei Wei feels dispirited.

Are they really that scary? Seriously?.....

Wei Wei tugs NaiHe to the next PK battle while still feeling dispirited, but this round of opponents are also players that they know.

BattleTheWorld and UnawakenedButterflyDreams.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 18

## Part 18: The Finals

ButterflyDreams greets Wei Wei: “Wei Wei.”

Wei Wei: “ButterflyDreams, you’re also in the competition?”

ButterflyDreams: “Yeah, of course I have to take part in such a big competition.”

The two chat for a little. Although Wei Wei and BattleTheWorld aren’t on good terms, she won’t let this get in the way of her friendship with ButterflyDreams; it looks like ButterflyDreams also feels the same way.

They are in a competition nonetheless, so they don’t chat for long; the battle begins after the 3-minute wait.

ButterflyDreams isn’t an expert in PK battles, so she isn’t on the leaderboard. Her skill used to be above Wei Wei’s, but since she hasn’t been playing for a while, Wei Wei has caught to her with all her equipment upgrades. Therefore, their skill level is on par.

As a result, ASmileNaiHe and BattleTheWorld are the deciding factor on which side will win.

The winning couple of this round cannot be more obvious.

After the PK battle, ButterflyDreams sends a private message: “Wei Wei, let’s find a place to talk.”

Wei Wei sends a nodding head smiley.

The points accumulation battle rounds end for the day. Wei Wei and ButterflyDreams find a quiet spot to chat.

The purpose of the chat is simple; ButterflyDreams wants to invite her to rejoin the guild, but Wei Wei shakes her head to decline the offer, saying that she has many upcoming exams, so she doesn’t want to spend too much time on gaming.

ButterflyDreams doesn't force her after that.

It's been a long time since ButterflyDreams has logged in, so the two of them don't have many things to talk about. After an awkward moment of silence, Wei Wei remembers the rumor that StormGoddessNiNi told her about; she hesitates on whether to say it out or not. Although being a busybody on somebody else's family matters isn't good, it's even worse to keep the truth from a friend, so she says reticently: "There's something that I've heard about....."

Wei Wei hasn't even finished her sentence and ButterflyDreams already knows exactly what she wants to say: "You want to talk about LittleRainQingQing, right?"

Wei Wei is a little surprised: "You know about it?"

ButterflyDreams says: "Of course. Don't worry, I will take care of her."

She sends over a smiley and continues: "My relationship with BattleTheWorld is not something that she can destroy easily. I've never told you before, but we're actually dating in real life. Otherwise, I wouldn't have asked him to help me take care of the guild."

In real life?

Wei Wei is stunned but knows that it's not her place to say anything more. After all, she has never been in a love relationship, so she really doesn't know what to say.

ButterflyDreams will probably be fine since she sounds confident about it.

From end of May to beginning of June, Wei Wei spends her time slashing her sword and reading ABCD. In the gaming world, she and NaiHe make it to the local server's final, while in real life, classmate Wei Wei lets out a sigh as she throws away her examination paper.

"I don't have anymore past examination papers to do! So lonely!"

Pillows are thrown at her the minute she says this.

Wei Wei grins as she hugs Xiao Ling's big and soft pillow while logging into the game. The time is 7:30pm, which is exactly the time that the Great Master said that he would log in at yesterday.



NaiHe is already online. Since it's close to 8pm, there's not enough time for them to complete a quest, so they ride a white eagle around the game to enjoy the sceneries.

Today is the local server's couple PK competition final.

Their opponents are UnawakenedButterflyDreams and BattleTheWorld, whom they have seen before in the points accumulation rounds already.

At almost 8pm, they ride the white eagle back to Chang'an. An announcement appears as they are just about to set themselves up as a team to enter the battle arena.

[System bot]: "UnawakenedButterflyDreams and BattleTheWorld's love has broken and are now divorced. They no longer have any ties together."

Wei Wei is in shock as she thinks that she didn't read it properly. After rereading it a few times to confirm, she sends a message to ButterflyDreams, but the message is rejected.

ButterflyDreams has set her account to decline all messages.

However, she receives a message from StormGoddessNiNi, sounding rather anxious: "Wei Wei, what's going on? Why are BattleTheWorld and Guild Master ButterflyDreams divorced the moment I log in?!!!!"

Wei Wei: "I don't know either. I can't message her. She is declining all messages."

StormGoddessNiNi: "Let me ask the others in the guild."

She comes back and says angrily: "I knew it! It's because of LittleRainQingQing, that b\*tch!"

Many have also started discussing the news on the world channel.

The competition was considered the highlight of the day, but now that this has come up, it's hard for others not to discuss. An insider discloses furtively that BattleTheWorld and ButterflyDreams are divorced because of LittleRainQingQing; ButterflyDreams wanted to kick LittleRainQingQing out of the guild, but BattleTheWorld did not agree, so they had an argument.

The discussions goes even further once the inside scoop was out. Some quickly

links the event to LittleRainYaoYao; a female player says: “Didn’t LittleRainYaoYao steal WeiWei’s husband before? I’m confused. How come the LittleRain clan is specialized in doing these things?”

The anti-LittleRain clan members also appear.

[World][LittleRainYaoYaolsShameless 277]: “LittleRain clan! The third person clan! They specialize in stealing others’ husbands! LittleRain clan! The third person clan! They specialize in stealing others’ husbands! LittleRain clan! The third person clan! They specialize in stealing others’ husbands!.....”

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It’s like a riot.

Now that there is no competition, NaiHe logs off saying that he has other things to do. Wei Wei doesn’t log off after him like she usually does and stays online. She continues to try messaging ButterflyDreams but with no success. ButterflyDreams’s name soon turns grey. She has gone offline.

Wei Wei stares at the greyed-out name and remembers how confident ButterflyDreams was last time; she can’t help but feel a little sad. Coincidentally, she hears Xiao Ling criticizing that online relationships are fragile and unreliable, so she adds her support, “Yeah, online relationships are too undependable.”

Xiao Ling pounces over in tears, “Oh Wei Wei, you’re finally listening!”

Xiao Ling has been talking for the Nth time about what she heard, saw online, and read in the news about people getting deceived from online relationships; it’s all for warning Wei Wei not to be swindled by a bad guy online, but Wei Wei hasn’t shown her any reactions for the past few days. Her effort doesn’t go to waste as Wei Wei finally listens!

Xiao Ling is moved by herself; see how great of a roommate she is? She is simply too rare and unrivaled! But Wei Wei immediately says in confusion, “What have I finally listened to?”

Xiao Ling can’t believe her ears. What? So it’s a lost effort after all? She decides not to beat around the bush anymore and says directly, “I’m talking

about online relationships.”

“Online relationships?”

Xiao Ling nods and looks at Wei Wei in the eye.

Wei Wei looks back at her. After a moment of staring, Wei Wei stuffs the big pillow that she is holding into Xiao Ling’s embrace, “Here’s your pillow back.”

She shuts her computer and crawls into bed, leaving Xiao Ling feeling helpless.

Wei Wei stares at the ceiling while lying on the bed and hugging her own pillow.

Online relationships~~~

Mm, online relationships are very bad!

But what does it have to do with her?~~~

Sleep, sleep!

Due to ButterflyDreams and BattleTheWorld’s divorce, Wei Wei and NaiHe advance by default to the next round of elimination for all servers.

The next elimination round is between the top couples of each server; Wei Wei and NaiHe’s opponents will have higher skills than the ones they have fought against before. Nonetheless, they are also a top couple with matching avatar types and are very compatible; they fight their way to the competition finals for all servers.

The day before the finals, NaiHe says before logging out: “I have a dinner to go to tomorrow, so I might be a little late.”

Wei Wei nods: “Mm (big smiley face), I’ll come on later too.”

Wei Wei has already gotten used to asking the Great Master when he will be logging in the next day, and that will be the time she logs in. She feels bored if she logs in while the Great Master is not online.

NaiHe: “7:30pm the latest.”

Wei Wei: “Okay.”

At 7:30pm the next day, NaiHe doesn’t show up.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 19

## Part 19: Realization

Wei Wei isn't worried since the Great Master has never come late, but it's also normal for him to be a few minutes behind. The clock continues ticking; 7:45pm comes before she knows it. Wei Wei is starting to worry. Although she knows that NaiHe is not online, she can't help but to send him a message——

“Are you there?”

Naturally, she doesn't get a response.

Two minutes later, she sends another one. Wei Wei stops sending them after a while and refreshes NaiHe's name continuously instead; the system reminds her repeatedly that the player is not online, so she cannot refresh his profile.

YuGong, MonkeyWine, and the others are also in grey.

Not online.

7:50pm.

Wei Wei shows up in front of the NPC at the entrance by herself. The team setup symbol sits on top of her avatar, but she is the only one present in the team.

Many players have already started to gather around the NPC; the top couples elimination rounds and the finals are open for an audience to watch. These people standing outside are all waiting to buy tickets to go inside. But they're getting curious as to why ReedWeiWei (*HumbleReed*) is standing there alone, so they start discussing in front of her.

[Local][BugGnawingLettuce]: “How come there's only ReedWeiWei? Where's ASmileNaiHe (*WhyNotJustSmile*)?”

[Local][FishingWire]: “He's not going to be late, is he?”

[Local][963]: “It's such an important competition and he's late?”

[Local][NotWearingUndiesIsVeryRefreshing]: “There’s still ten minutes, so no need to be anxious. Top expert players always come late.”

7:55pm.

Wei Wei ignores all the discussions and calmly leaves NaiHe a message——“I’m waiting for you in front of the NPC at the entrance. Just come over directly.”

The bystanders continue their discussions.

[Local][DingDingCleanse]: “There’s not much time left. How come he’s still not here?”

[Local][RocketTurtle1.0]: “Could it be that he’s not coming?”

[Local][IdiotBaby]: “Holy, could history repeat, and these two are also getting a divorce?”

[Local][daydreamer]: “Doesn’t seem like so. If they’re divorcing, why would ReedWeiWei still be standing here?”

[Local][ThunderboltCallsWow]: “I’d say, maybe ReedWeiWei got dumped again!”

8pm.

More and more friends are messaging Wei Wei at this point. Wei Wei opens and closes them one by one. In the end, she clicks on her mouse and closes her chat window with NaiHe.

The crowd slowly dissipates.

[Local][①SingleForLife]: “Let’s leave, let’s leave. Old man here is bored.”

[Local][☆CheNing☆]: “Yet I thought we were gonna see an awesome PK competition today. Good thing I didn’t buy a ticket.”

[Local][DogTailGrass]: “It’s like hogging the toilet and refusing to take a dump. If you’re not going in to compete, why aren’t you leaving? The other server is getting crowned the champion without a fight. Disgusted.”

[Local][jager]: “You can’t really say that. If it weren’t for ReedWeiWei and ASmileNaiHe, our server might not have made it to the finals.”

[Local][RoManTic]: “Let’s wait and see. There’s still 3 minutes of preparation

time. They can still enter the competition during the 3 minutes.”

[Local][July]: “I don’t think he’s coming. Sigh, I think ReedWeiWei is quite pitiful.”

[Local][LittleRainMianMian (*ContinuousLittleRain*)]: “She is quite pitiful indeed, hoho.”

8:02pm.

Wei Wei clicks on the NPC, wanting to enter the arena herself, but the NPC prompts: “You must enter the arena with your husband.”

8:03pm.

The system bot announces that due to ASmileNaiHe and ReedWeiWei forfeiting, the couple from another server is the winner of the PK competition.

8:03pm.

Wei Wei exits the online game.

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“I think there’s something wrong with Wei Wei for these past two days.”

Xiao Ling says prudently at night in their dorm room as she fixes her gaze on Wei Wei, who is wearing headphones and doing something on the computer.

“That’s normal. It’s exam time. She turns into a vicious monster every examination period,” Er Xi answers without lifting her head as she continues to write with a pen.

“But she’s not playing games online.”

“That’s normal. If she plays games right now, she won’t be able to get a scholarship. If she can’t get a scholarship, she won’t have money to play games next semester,” Er Xi continues to write without pausing and asks, “How come you still have the time to care about Wei Wei? Weren’t you full of tears just the day before? How’s Da Zhong doing?”

“He’s fine. He did it to himself. It was his fourth-year seniors having a graduation dinner and he was thick-skinned enough to tag along. See what happens? They get into an accident.”

Xiao Ling gets angry from talking about it and starts criticizing her boyfriend, and neglects Wei Wei.

Wei Wei, who is immersed in her own world, obviously doesn't know that her roommates have been talking about her. She is busy watching the video of the female thief abducting a man. She has not been on the game for the past two days; besides studying, she has been watching the video over and over again. Even when she does not want to play it, after memorizing some vocabs, she can't resist watching. Her heart feels stuffy, and the feeling just won't go away; it seems to feel a bit better only when she watches the video.

Or more precisely, only when she sees that silhouette.

ASmileNaiHe.

ASmileNaiHe.

Wei Wei repeats his name in her heart as she stares blankly at the computer screen.

On the screen, the white robed musician is standing on Sunset Summit accompanied with simple and depressing music. The shadow of his back looks lonely and desolated; it reminds Wei Wei of how she felt when she stood in front of the NPC by herself to enter the arena that day.

She was probably in a panic at the time.

She wasn't angry because she was stood up or because she couldn't compete. She felt helpless, anxiety, and fright. In the very last few minutes, she couldn't stop thinking——

How come NaiHe is still not here?

Could it be that he is never coming back?

There are too many players who leave without saying goodbyes; could NaiHe also disappear this way?

She can't stop herself from watching the video for the past few days. She keeps thinking——In the years to come, could this video be the only evidence that she and NaiHe have once been together.....

Sigh~~~~~



Wei Wei lies powerlessly on her bed and don't know what to say about herself.

How did she suddenly come up with this absurd and ridiculous train of thought? Maybe NaiHe couldn't come because something came up. Why is she taking the matter so seriously? Furthermore, all she needs to do is to log into the game to see if NaiHe has really disappeared for good. Why is she refusing to sign in?~~~~

Her thoughts continue to be in a mess while the story of the female thief comes to an end; the music plays mournfully as the image pauses on the white robed musician and the red clothed heroine until it fades to white.

Wei Wei wipes her tears. The video is so incredibly good that she is in tears again after watching it. To be honest, the video is very moving when you watch it the first time, but after you watch it many times, you'll become numb.

But she's actually crying again this time....

Wei Wei stares at the image of the elegant white robed musician, and slowly and silently, a strong sense of realization crosses her heart.....

She quickly snaps her laptop close, throws away her headphones, and buries her head underneath her pillow.

Oh no, oh no, she has become sentimental all of a sudden.

Oh no.....

She seems to have fallen in love.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 20

## Part 20: I Know

For all 20 years of Wei Wei's life, it's the first time she realizes that she is an alien --

An alien from the turtle planet to add to it.

A turtian is someone who ducks and turns away when they are provoked; the bottom line is: another two days have passed, and she still hasn't logged into the game!!!!

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She must have been overtaken by the "abashed" planet aliens = =

Sigh~~~

Based on the facts, she already understands her feelings, and what she should do next is to rush to the game and try all obvious and subtle methods to win over the Great Master's heart. After all, she and the Great Master are both not married yet, so there isn't anything to worry about~~ (Wei Wei knows that the Great Master is single from a long time ago because for one, YuGong and the others tease him by calling him ten thousand years bachelor, and secondly, Wei Wei has asked him before marrying him last time. She didn't have any motives for asking him at the time; it was more for the sake of morality. Even though it's a game, she doesn't want someone's girlfriend or fiancée to have any issues with it."

But she just won't go online. Instead, she's doing weird things like replaying the Great Master's dialogue in the video over and over again.....

Wei Wei is also surprised by her own strange behaviour, but she's rather carefree and quickly thinks of an excuse for herself—it's her first time falling in love, so it's normal to act strange. It'll be stranger if she doesn't.

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Therefore, she continues to be weird. She promises herself every morning that she will definitely go online, but she consoles herself at night saying that she will go online tomorrow.....

After swaying back and forth for two days, she can't stand it anymore and has finally made up her mind!

Saturday!

After finishing her level 6th exam on Saturday, she will go online immediately!

It's a great plan, but if everything always works out like you expected, that will not call life. In the afternoon of Friday, an unexpected phone call rings Wei Wei out of her turtle shell.

The dorm room phone rings, Xiao Ling picks it up first, and then brings it to Wei Wei. The person on the other line says politely, "May I ask if this is Miss Bei Wei Wei?"

"Yes, and you are?"

"Hello, Miss Bei. This is Feng Teng (*Soaring Wind*) Corporation's operational department for 'Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes' ....."

After that, Wei Wei's eyes are spinning with dollar signs as fortune knocks on her head for the first time in life.

The person on the other line explains that a higher-up person in the company saw her submitted video and felt that it was moving and very well made, so they want to use it as a promotional video on their official website. Additionally, they want to add more features to the gameplay for kidnapping the bride/groom, therefore, they want to buy the rights of her video.

Wei Wei grasps the phone in shock and excitement while she tries to think rationally if this is fake or for real. It's probably for real; there's no benefit to swindle someone for this. It's not surprising that the gaming company knows her contact number since she filled out the signup form with real information to avoid others from stealing her account.

After the person finishes explaining, Wei Wei suppresses her excitement and

says calmly, “Can I give you an answer later? I didn’t make the video by myself, so I need to ask my friends’ opinions.”

The moment Wei Wei hangs up, she dashes to log in online. Her friends list blinks crazily. Click, click, click. She opens them one after another; they’re all messages from her friends asking how she has been. Wei Wei’s hand freezes after clicking on over ten of them.

The last message is from NaiHe.

It’s from just now; almost from the exact same time as she logged in. A few words are written in the message.

“Wei Wei, come over.”

Couples just need to click to use their “Together in Life and Death” ability and they’ll be warped to their spouse’s side in an instant. Wei Wei doesn’t move after reading the message; the feeling of excitement subsides, and she suddenly feels nervous.

Another new message arrives on the sound of “ding.” Wei Wei opens it while feeling more and more nervous. She lets out a breath of relief after seeing the sender. It’s not NaiHe. It’s YuGong.

YuGong: “Third sister-in-law, I’m terribly sorry. Just beat me to death!”

His message is much easier to reply to, so Wei Wei asks: “What happened?”

YuGong sends a crying smiley: “I was the one driving after the dinner gathering, and we had an accident!”

The news pinches Wei Wei’s heart. A car accident?! Her heart pounds heavily, and her face is pale. She can’t react until a few seconds later; since they’re online now, it probably means that they’re okay. But Wei Wei’s heart beats even quicker. She replies after a moment: “You guys are okay, right?”

“We’re fine. We hit a tree. Third brother was sitting on the passenger side and was injured more heavily. He fainted and was unconscious for a few hours, but woke up in the middle of the night.”

Wei Wei sends a string of exclamation marks angrily: “!!!!!!”

What do you mean he fainted for a few hours? YuGong, you pig head!

Without any hesitation, she immediately uses the couples' ability and goes to NaiHe.

NaiHe is standing alone on Sunset Summit.

Wei Wei isn't in the mood to admire the scenery of the white robed musician resonating with the sunset. She quickly types the line: "Why are you still playing online and not taking a rest?"

NaiHe seems to be a little startled, but replies her after a minute: "I'm fine now."

".....You still shouldn't be playing online. It takes too much concentration."

"I'm not playing. I'm only signing in and letting it sit in the background."

Signing in and letting it sit in the background.....

How come he sent her a message the moment she logged in then? Wei Wei wants to talk back, but for some reason, she doesn't and asks instead: "Do you still feel dizzy?"

"Not anymore." NaiHe continues: "Sorry for not showing up that day."

"That's a small matter – -"

It's not even worth a penny compared to a car accident, okay?

Now that he mentions the couples PK competition, Wei Wei remembers that she hasn't been online for a few days. Could NaiHe have mistaken her for being angry? Eh, she is definitely not angry, but the reason why she hasn't been online.....

Wei Wei feels a little guilty, but tries to cover it up: "I'm having an exam soon, so I haven't been online lately."

NaiHe pauses for a second, and then says: "I know."

Wei Wei's face immediately turns red in front of the computer.

You know?~~

You don't know!

Wei Wei thinks silently in her head. She stares at the white robed musician and

feels sweetness and bitterness in her heart at the same time. After a while, she feels that those two simple words from NaiHe contain boundless meanings..... Her heart is suddenly filled with all kinds of emotions, which to her surprise, includes the sense of joy from their reunion as well as happiness from regaining something that was lost.

Wei Wei tries hard to control her emotions and finally remembers why she is online. She quickly tells him that Feng Teng contacted her about buying the rights to their video. NaiHe listens attentively as he waits for her to finish, and then says: "This matter is a little complicated."

"Ah, really?" Complicated? Wei Wei is a bit confused.

"Yes." A short and firm reply. NaiHe then says casually: "Let's meet up."

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 21

## Part 21: I Was Waiting For You

Xiao Ling believes that life is full of surprises.

For example, on the night before the level 6 exam ([College English Test](#)), Wei Wei has actually dragged her out to go shopping.

Alright, although Wei Wei says this is to let herself relax from all the studying before the exam, there's still no need to get all excited and rush to the clothing stores near the school.....

Er Xi and Si Si are also amazed by this.

They head back to the dorm room after dinner just to find out that both Xiao Ling and Wei Wei are not there. Their books are still on the table, so they clearly haven't gone to self-study. Er Xi decides to send Xiao Ling a text message out of curiosity.

Xiao Ling quickly replies—accompanying Wei Wei to buy clothes.

Er Xi is flabbergasted. She asks which store they're at and pulls Si Si with her to go see. Once they arrive and push open the door, Wei Wei just happens to be walking out of the fitting room.

Er Xi and Si Si are frozen at the entrance.

They have never seen such a stunning Wei Wei.

Her naturally wavy hair, usually in a ponytail, is let down and spread across her fair shoulders. She is donning a red over-the-knee dress with a v-neck design that reveals her elegant collarbones. The dress is made of light fabric which fits tightly over the curves of her body, accentuating her small and attractive waist. The dress ripples over any slight movement, and her long and sleek legs dazzle all passer-bys, making them unable to shift their gazes. She is wearing a pair of clear stiletto sandals, which compliments her charming ankles. Wei Wei is absolutely mesmerizing and radiating with brilliance; the small clothing store feels lit up all

of a sudden.

Everyone is in awe. It takes Xiao Ling a while to realize that Er Xi and Si Si are here. She says to them proudly, “How is it? I picked it out for Wei Wei. I’ve got great taste, don’t I?”

She definitely has great taste. Just as Er Xi is about to praise Xiao Ling, she sees Wei Wei turn around with a dismal look on her face, “Xiao Ling, can’t you find something more conservative for me?”

Xiao Ling, “.....”

Er Xi, “.....”

Si Si, “.....”

The sales associate secretly coughs in her head. How is this dress not conservative?! It’s just that your body is too curvy! It has nothing to do with our store’s pure and innocent dress!!!

After a moment of silence, Xiao Ling speechlessly turns around and continues to pick out new clothes for Wei Wei. Er Xi walks inside the store and asks Wei Wei, “Why do you want to buy new clothes all of a sudden?”

Wei Wei says, “Because I realized that the clothes I bought last year have been worn out >o<”

Er Xi doesn’t know what to say; isn’t this what she told her long ago? And weren’t you still wearing them happily just a few days ago?

Si Si says, “You don’t need to come out and buy new clothes today, do you? You have an exam tomorrow.”

“Uh.....” Wei Wei can’t find any words to explain herself. She isn’t prepared to tell anyone that she will be meeting NaiHe, so she says vaguely, “Um.....I have an interview tomorrow!”

It’s not really a lie. Tomorrow’s “interview” will be an interview of a lifetime!

Er Xi asks in shock, “You’re working over the summer? Which company is so evil as to set your interview on Saturday night, the same day that you’re having an exam? It’ll be 5:20pm by the time you’re finished with your exam.”



Wei Wei is stupefied.

That “evil” .....seems to be her.....

When NaiHe asked in the afternoon to meet up, Wei Wei felt like.....How should we say this? It was like when you were feeling hungry, a load of chicken wings suddenly fell onto you.

It was shocking.

A wonderful surprise.

Causing one to be in a daze.

And to be nervous.

Her imagination also ran wild as she thought: Is NaiHe really meeting up with her only for the sake of the video? Could it be just an excuse? But would she be thinking too highly of herself like this? Wei Wei gave herself a slap and buried the thoughts deep inside her head.

When all these thoughts gathered around her head, her mind was unable to think – – Half a minute had passed before she replied NaiHe with “okay.”

NaiHe didn’t seem to mind her delay in response. He sent over his contact number after receiving her confirmation.

“My cell number, 13XXXXXXXXXX.”

Wei Wei’s heart was pounding hard when she saw the number. She got even more worked up than when NaiHe asked to meet up just before.

It was NaiHe’s cell phone number.

They finally, finally had some connection in real life.

Wei Wei wrote his number down quickly, and realized that she probably should have told him her number as well. But she didn’t have a cell phone = =

Her cell phone was stolen last year. After that, Wei Wei enjoyed the peace and quiet without it, so she kept putting off buying a new one. What does a student really need a cell phone for? Moreover, there are classmates living in the same dormitory, so it’s easy to find out stuff anyway.

But Wei Wei was afraid that NaiHe would feel that she was being insincere if

she didn't give him her number, so she typed carefully: "My phone got stolen and I haven't bought a new one yet >o<"

In order to show that she was very sincere, Wei Wei asked proactively: "Where should we meet? I'm at University A, just off of North 4th Ring Road. You're in City B too, right?"

Although they had never asked about each other's details, from their regular conversations, NaiHe must have been able to tell that she was in City B, so that was why he asked to meet.

"Mm, I am." NaiHe answered without any emotions: "I'll pick you up at University A. When are you free?"

Wei Wei was a bit startled when she heard the words "pick you up." She replied without thinking: "After I'm done with my exam tomorrow, I'll be free around 5:30pm."

"I'll wait for you at the East entrance at 6pm?"

"Let's do 5:30pm." It'll save her time from waiting an extra half an hour. NaiHe seemed to be quite familiar with University A, didn't he? It crossed Wei Wei's mind briefly, but she didn't dwell on it and simply asked to meet at 5:30pm. However, she regretted it right after. Did, did, did it make her sound too anxious? Cry.

She felt more and more embarrassed, so she quickly confirmed the time and place and typed: "I'll call your cell tomorrow. I need to go now." She fled the scene and continued sitting in front of the computer staring at it blankly. She then squatted in front of her closet and stared at it blankly.....

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"This is the conservative type. Go try it on."

Bei Wei Wei is caught up in her own thoughts when Xiao Ling stuffs a piece of clothing into her hands feeling irritated. Seriously, she's dazing off herself while she has to do the hard work, yet she's being so picky, hmph!

Wei Wei carries the clothes into the fitting room without a word. When she comes out, Xiao Ling slightly nods her head in satisfaction.

This time, it's not a one-piece dress. Wei Wei is wearing a white pleated blouse with mid-length sleeves accompanied with an elegant blue flowery skirt. They are two simple pieces of clothing, but when they are worn by Wei Wei, they become delicate. Furthermore, the refreshing combination of blue and white helps curb Wei Wei's natural voluptuousness.

Using Er Xi's words, she has successfully been transformed into an conservative girl. (Wei Wei >o<)

Wei Wei feels more satisfied with this wardrobe too. Although she's not used to wearing skirts above the knee, she doesn't feel uncomfortable wearing it. She stands in front of the mirror with confidence.

Wei Wei assesses herself in the mirror from head to toe. There's something that just feels off. After a minute she says, "Ah, shoes."

She is still wearing the pair of clear stiletto sandals, which are also picked out by Xiao Ling.

Xiao Ling says, "These sandals look very pretty. They are perfect for short skirts."

Wei Wei shakes her head, "They're too high."

Wei Wei's height is 169cm. This pair of sandals is 7 to 8cm high, which makes her height go up to 177cm.....

What if NaiHe.....isn't very tall.....

>o<

Wei Wei doesn't dare to bother Xiao Ling again, so she picks out a pair of white small heeled sandals. With the approval of her dorm roommates, Wei Wei goes to the sales associate to bargain for lower prices.

Er Xi says quietly behind her, "This blouse is very conservative....."

The two rows of buttons on the neck are fastened tightly, not letting a patch of skin exposed.

Xiao Ling nods, "It's pure and refreshing. It suits Wei Wei quite well. For interviews, it's better to look more like a student."

Er Xi keeps quiet, but thinks to herself: Am I the only one who feels that it's even more seductive when the buttons are fastened so tightly? This is what you call the beauty of sexual abstinence! This is it!

Er Xi cries on the inside.

Wei Wei ends up buying all three items for 200 RMB. She wears them to the examination because they're meeting at 5:30pm, so she won't have enough time go back to the dorm room to get changed afterwards.

As a result.....

It shocks the crowd at the examination.

Wei Wei's wardrobe is actually very ordinary, but she doesn't wear skirts very often. Not that she doesn't like wearing them, it's just that her classes are located a bit far from the dorm, and it's not convenient to ride a bike when wearing skirts.

Therefore, many jaws drop when they see Wei Wei suddenly wearing something out of the norm. Even though Wei Wei is used to others looking at her, she still feels a bit uncomfortable from them today. Thankfully, the exam starts shortly, so she is relieved from the awkwardness.

The level 6th exam goes pretty smoothly for Wei Wei. There's even a question on an article that she has happened to have read in an English newspaper recently; it saves Wei Wei quite a bit of time. She completes the exam, selectively reviews her answers, and the clock isn't even at 5:10pm.

Therefore, Wei Wei dazes off while looking at her answer card. She starts feeling restless as her calm and quietness are gone from doing the exam. After fidgeting for a few minutes, she stands up and decides to hand in her exam early.

Wei Wei lets out a long breath as she leaves the examination room.

It's getting closer and closer to 5:30pm. NaiHe is probably already on his way to University A. Is he.....just as nervous as she is right now?

On the school's walkway, sparse with people, Wei Wei walks at an unsteady pace, just like how her heart feels; excited and nervous at the same time. She holds onto the piece of paper with NaiHe's cell phone number written on it

tightly. Although she can already memorize his number, she's afraid that she'll forget it and won't be able to contact him.

Wei Wei's examination room is not far from the East entrance; it's in sight after walking for ten minutes. Even though she knows that NaiHe is most likely not here yet, she still searches for him from afar.

There aren't many people at the entrance since the exam hasn't finished yet. Only a few people are coming in and out of it. Wei Wei can't see anyone that resembles NaiHe, but she is surprised to see an unexpected person.

Xiao Nai?

Isn't the person standing beside the willow tree Xiao Nai?

Wei Wei can't help but take a few more glances at him.

A willow tree grows healthily in front of the East entrance; its green branches dip down and sway gently. Under the diagonally shining sun, he is wearing a simple white shirt, standing under the tree quietly. From a distance, Wei Wei can only see his jet black hair.

But it is really Xiao Nai.

What is he doing here?

Is he waiting for someone? Who is it that can actually make Great Master Xiao Nai wait for?

As Wei Wei thinks in her head, she automatically stands on the other side of the entrance; she doesn't have the guts to stand near Xiao Nai. After a few steps, she sees that there's a big truck parked outside of the East entrance on the other side.

Uh.....

There's no helping it; she'll have to move closer to Xiao Nai. At the same time, Xiao Nai notices her and fixes his gaze on her as she comes closer.

Wei Wei pauses her footstep, and their eyes meet.

Wei Wei doesn't remember who is it that said this—wherever Xiao Nai stands immediately becomes scenery; not due to his looks, but from his aura.

This is exactly it. Xiao Nai is simply standing there quietly, and the atmosphere has suddenly become different; as if it's an elegant and distant place, cut off from the rest of the world.

Deep in her mind, it [feels familiar](#) for Wei Wei.

The willow tree swaying in the gentle wind.

A handsome man stands freely underneath the tree.

Quietly waiting for someone.

Where has she seen this before? Wei Wei tries to recall her vague memory, shifts her gaze away, lowers her head, and continues walking. But it just feels.....

She can't help but raise her head.

Therefore, her eyes meet Xiao Nai's again.

She looks quietly at him. He stares back at her apathetically, but doesn't look away; making Wei Wei almost thinks that——he's waiting for her to come closer.

But how is that possible? Wei Wei doesn't dare to be so full of herself.

Then why does he keep staring at her? Could it be that Great Master Xiao Nai has seen her before? Could it be that he knows that she is also in the computer science department? Therefore, he's taking a few more glances at her?

Mm, this makes more sense. So.....should I go say hi to him? After all, they are from the same program.

But.....will she be mistaken for trying to strike up a conversation with him >0<

Wei Wei slows down her footsteps subconsciously. But slowly and gradually, she moves closer to him.....

Wei Wei can't stand the pressure of being stared at any longer. She prepares herself to be asked "who are you" as she stops her footsteps and says courageously, "Hi Senior Xiao, what a coincidence."

One second.

Two seconds.

Three seconds.

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No response.

Wei Wei lowers her head in defeat. Under extreme embarrassment, she scolds herself in her heart for not holding in; she should have just walked away, why did she greet him? It's so awkward now.

Or maybe, she should drift away?

While her mind is in a mess, Wei Wei can't help but lift her head to look at him. She sees the corners of Xiao Nai's mouth turn upwards slightly. His dark eyes, which are looking at her, seem to contain a hint of a smile.

Wei Wei then hears his voice.

"Not a coincidence." His cool sounding voice flows into her ears, "I was waiting for you."

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 22

## Part 22: It's him

The exam has already ended and the number of people by the school gates gradually increases. Pretty much everyone who walks past these two remarkably good-looking man and woman will subconsciously slow down and take a few looks. However, Wei Wei doesn't notice any of these glances, because the second Xiao Nai spoke, she had already crossed into outer space.

I was waiting for you...

I was waiting for you...

I was waiting for you...

.....

This voice...

This voice...

This voice...

Wei Wei looks at the person in front her, confused. In his eyes is the reflection of the sunset making it all seem a bit surreal and gentle. His tranquil posture and patience...

Wei Wei moves her lips, but no sound comes out. She takes a deep breath, controls the chaos inside of her, and in complete disbelief, she says, "...NaiHe?"

The person in front of her gazes at her and indisputably answers, "It's me."

In that split second, Wei Wei's mind only has one thought — So fortunate. So fortunate she didn't buy that stiletto sandal. Otherwise, she will have, definitely, already broken its heel in her shock.

NaiHe, Xiao Nai, NaiHe, Xiao Nai, NaiHe, Xiao Nai...these two names continuously circle around in her mind, but she is just unable to match them together. How can NaiHe be Xiao Nai? How can it be, how can it be...Even



though she feels that NaiHe is very Great Master-like, she never thought that he would be that great...

Moreover, how did he recognize her?

Too much astonishment, too many questions. But Wei Wei isn't able to ask a single one of those questions. She even starts to think that the person in front of her isn't real. The small slip of paper in her hand is about to break into pieces from her pinching it. Right now, the thing that she wants to do the most is rush to a telephone booth and dial that cell phone number; see if Xiao Nai's cell phone will start ringing...

At this time, she also, finally, becomes aware of the increasingly obvious glances surrounding them.

Yet Xiao Nai turns a blind eye to those spectators watching. He lifts his wrist and looks at the time, "You turned in your exam early?"

Wei Wei slowly nodded.

Xiao Nai says, "I nearly made you wait again."

Eh?

Wei Wei doesn't really understand, so she looks at his smiling face. Only after a while does she understand that he means when he missed the finals. Wei Wei feels a bit embarrassed, shakes her head and says, "You didn't..."

But she doesn't even know what she is saying "you didn't" about...

The smile deepens in Xiao Nai's eyes and he says, "Let's go eat first."

He starts to walk into the school. Wei Wei hesitates a bit before following. Anyway, it is better than standing here for people to look at. But after walking a few steps, Wei Wei can't help but turn and look at the East entrance.

In a moment...will another NaiHe appear there?

Even though things are already very clear, that Xiao Nai is NaiHe, but, but, it just feels very unreal...

Turning to look back like this, her steps slows down. By the time she turns back, Xiao Nai has already stopped walking and is waiting in front for her.

Embarrassed, Wei Wei quickly walks forward. Xiao Nai waits for her to get closer and says very seriously,

“Wei Wei, do you eat fish?”

Alright, Wei Wei is startled by the natural way Xiao Nai says “Wei Wei.”

With such a question, Wei Wei basically believes that Xiao Nai will be taking her to some fish restaurant in the school. However, what actually happens is: Xiao Nai takes her through a bunch of turns and paths to arrive at an old-fashioned small restaurant in the nearby residential area for professors.

Then, after sitting down for just a bit, an auntie (*not related*) with a smiling face places a huge basin of fish soup onto their table. Xiao Nai made a few hand signs and the auntie walks away beaming.

Wei Wei stares blankly at the gigantic basin of fish soup in front of her.

Xiao Nai calmly picks up the ladle to serve the soup, “Auntie Jiang can’t speak, but her dishes are very delicious. My parents don’t cook often, so since I was young, I’ve always eaten either at the school cafeteria or here.”

Eeee, Great Master’s childhood? Wei Wei’s heart that has already become numb from shaking starts to recover a bit for this gossip. Catching a glimpse of her shining eyes, Xiao Nai laughs on the inside and asks, “What else do you want to eat?”

Wei Wei shakes her head — it’s already going to be hard to finish off such a big basin of soup. Her nose picks up a whiff of medicine. Wei Wei asks, “Is there Chinese medicine in the soup?”

“Uh-huh,” Xiao Nai expressionlessly says, “When I was in the car accident last time, my father ordered half a month of fish stewed with chuanxiong rhizome (*type of Chinese herb*) here to supplement my brain.”

“.....”

Why does she suddenly feel like laughing? Especially after seeing the Great Master’s expression...

Wei Wei feels that she really isn’t being too sincere >o<. She uses all of her strength to hold it in and tries hard to find another topic, “Professor Xiao? I’ve

taken Professor Xiao's class as an elective."

Xiao Nai raises his eyes and glances at her, and expressionlessly continues to ask, "Did you fall asleep?"

"....."

Wei Wei feels awkward. Classmate Great Master, even though Professor Xiao's is indeed, eh, a little too academic, he is still your father. You don't need to be this direct, do you?

"...actually when Professor Xiao spoke about their archeology experiences, it's quite interesting." Without much persuasiveness, Wei Wei attempts to redeem some respect for Professor Xiao.

Xiao Nai hands soup to her, "I've also chosen his class before. I went to two lectures."

This is implying that you don't need to force yourself to praise him.

Thus, Wei Wei lowers her head and drinks the soup — Professor Xiao, I've tried my best as your student. Your son, NaiHe, just really doesn't leave any respect for you...but then again, could the Great Master have chosen his father's class because Professor Xiao's class is the easiest to get good grades...

Wei Wei also didn't realize that after a few exchanges, she has already relaxed quite a bit.

Wei Wei jabs at the fish bones and finds that Xiao Nai has actually given her the entire fish head...It can't be that the Great Master has gotten sick of eating this so threw it for her to eat...

This kind of thought flashes in her mind, but the sparkling golden Great Master's duality of NaiHe and Xiao Nai immediately makes Wei Wei strangle this kind of thought just as it starts sprouting.

How can the two Great Masters do such a sinister thing? He wouldn't, he wouldn't, he definitely wouldn't!

It's immoral to waste food, so Wei Wei puts in her best effort and starts eating the fish head. Auntie Jiang carries out a few more smaller dishes and places a completely full bowl of rice in front of Wei Wei. Wei Wei's mouth is full of fish

and can't speak, so copying Xiao Nai, she stiffly signs a thank you.

Beaming, Auntie Jiang signs back something that Wei Wei can't understand and leaves. When Wei Wei turns her head, she sees the Xiao Nai across from her staring at her with his handsome face and luminous eyes.

Wei Wei cautiously places her hand down and suddenly feels that what she did was extremely stupid >0<. However, her steady heartbeat gets in on the action and starts jumping. Thunderously, it pounds for a while in her chest, aggressively declaring its reply.

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Wei Wei eats the fish head in silence, thinking about whether she should speak. She stealthily raises her head and glances at the person across from her. He is also drinking his soup — such elegant and pleasing to the eye posture — calmly without making any noise. When he becomes quiet, his appearance becomes one of inherent pride. Even though he is surrounded by this type of old-fashioned small restaurant, his refinement still makes people forget themselves when they see him.

The current Xiao Nai, is now different from the online NaiHe, as if there is now more distance...yet her heart continues racing as before inside.

She had better just let it pass. Xiao Nai's parents are said to have come from prestigious literary family backgrounds, maybe they have a rule about not speaking during meal time...furthermore, in her current situation, she might say too much and say something wrong. She had better conserve her strength for the future. Hehe, that's right, safety first — she will continue eating fish...

Eat fish, eat fish...

As a result, the dinner table becomes silent for a period of time. But the current silence is different from the silence on the road earlier, it's as if the air is filled with a peculiar mood.

It is a familiar ringtone that breaks the silence.

As soon as the ringtone starts, Wei Wei feels that it sounds familiar and immediately realizes — it's actually the bamboo flute segment from the beginning of the female thief kidnapping groom video.

Can it be, can it be that the Great Master really cherishes the memory of the days when he was kidnapped...

Wei Wei thinks about these thoughts in embarrassment. Xiao Nai has already picked up the phone. A rough male voice immediately comes out from the other end; the voice is so loud that Wei Wei can even vaguely hear it.

“Third brother, where are you? Are you still coming to the farewell game today?”

Xiao Nai turns to look at the clock on the wall, “Isn’t it at seven? It’s still early.”

“Come early to warm up. Weren’t you not busy today? Come over, everyone is waiting for you.”

“I’m busy.”

“Oh? With what? Hasn’t the work for this phase been completed? What are you doing now?”

Xiao Nai says, as if it’s nothing special, “On a date.”

The other end of the phone is silent. Holding onto her chopsticks, Wei Wei feels, feels...she has no feelings right now...

Awhile after, the person changes on the other end of the phone — his voice is sharp — and yells louder than the guy before him, “Third brother, you are on a date? Bring her here, bring her here, bring her here.”

Xiao Nai says completely calmly, “Let me ask her if she is willing to.”

He looks over at Wei Wei, “Do you want to go see our department’s seniors basketball farewell game?”

The Wei Wei, who has been so shocked by the words “on a date” that her soul has flown to the sky, unconsciously nodded. The still calm Xiao Nai says to those on the other end, “I’ll bring her over later.”

Without listening to the response from the other end, he hangs up after speaking.

And then...and then...of course he continues eating...eating...with poise...

Pay the bill.

Wei Wei, whose soul has flown to the sky, thinks — that it's so cheap; so many dishes for just a little over fifty. And it was delicious. How come she's never heard of this restaurant before?

After walking out of the restaurant, Xiao Nai says for her to wait for him there — he'll go home and get his bike.

Wei Wei, whose soul has flown to the sky, thinks — ah, Great Master's home is nearby?

In the distance, Xiao Nai is riding his bicycle over.

Wei Wei, whose soul has flown to the sky, thinks — turns out not only does the Great Master look handsome riding on a white horse, he's even handsome riding a bike ~~~

Xiao Nai stops the bike with a foot and says, "Get on."

Wei Wei, whose soul has flown to the sky, thinks — Eee, Great Master wants her to ride together?

Ride together?!!

These two words slaps Wei Wei back into reality immediately. In a flash, all her souls returns to her body.

She looks at the bike, looks at Great Master, then, the beautiful Wei Wei stutters, "This, this, I..."

Xiao Nai frowns slightly.

Wei Wei composes herself, "...You'll take me?"

"Uh huh, would you walk such a long distance?"

Walking the long distance to the basketball court is, of course, frightening. But, but, what's more frightening is if you take me!!!

Wei Wei grieves in indignation!

This older schoolmate, with your great reputation plus her small reputation, doesn't riding on a bike like this cause romance rumors to spread immediately! Although they apparently, vaguely, seems to be suspiciously taking a step towards the romance side, right now, at this moment, they are more innocent

than the most innocent of lambs....

“This, this isn’t too appropriate, right? Other people will misunderstand when they see us.” Wei Wei tries hard to gracefully turn it down. Her ears are already starting to become a bit pink.

“Misunderstand?”

Can it be that he doesn’t understand? Wei Wei is forced to summon up her courage to say it directly, “Misunderstand that we are eh, in that kind of relationship...”

Xiao Nai calmly gazes at her without speaking for quite a while. Indescribably, Wei Wei starts feeling nervous...Did she say something wrong?

Just as she starts feeling more and more nervous, Xiao Nai finally, slowly speaks, “When were we not in that kind of relationship?”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 23

## Part 23: Impossible to be a Couple

The setting sun shines on him, giving him a surreal glow. Wei Wei is mesmerized just from looking at his dark eyebrows. After a long while, complicated feelings start to surge in her heart; a feeling of her heart stopping, and a feeling of inconsolable grief and indignation.

When, when have they been in that kind of a relationship?! Although she really wants to be in a relationship with him, this is definitely not the way to start.....

But then again, this was her initial motive to meet the Great Master. It's just that now that the Great Master has spoken in the leveled-up version, wouldn't she be at a disadvantage for rejecting him?

Actually, she'll be in a disadvantage whether she rejects him or accepts him. What is going on?.....

Wei Wei is becoming more and more confused with her logic. Seeing how her thought process is stuck in a loop, Wei Wei quickly shouts to herself——

Stop!

Stop thinking!

Don't get led by the Great Master's words; it's a dead end. Just pretend that you didn't hear him. You didn't hear him. Just treat it as a virus and quarantine it.....

She concentrates on hypnotizing herself and neglects the fact that her ears are already burning red. Wei Wei pretends to be calm and looks straight into Xiao Nai's eyes, "Since we don't have much time, let's ride on a bike then....."

This is not giving in to him. She just happens to realize——walking together will attract more attention than riding on a bike together; the longer they are together, the more people will see them. Therefore, they might as well ride a bike. Riding is much faster; people might not even be quick enough to see who



she is clearly before they disappear in a dash.

Seriously, why did he ask to meet today when there's a game? They could have met tomorrow instead. Furthermore, he originally said to meet at 6pm when the game is at 7pm; was he planning to bring her directly to the gymnasium for their date?

That's not right. It's not a date. It's meeting, meeting each other.....

Xiao Nai stares at her with his back against the sun. Her defense is too weak; should she advance or retract? Should she charge forward by impulse or take it slow and steady?

He is always one step ahead of her to draw a conclusion. He calls her name calmly, "Wei Wei."

"Hm?"

"My bike riding skills are not bad."

Ah? Wei Wei looks him puzzled.

"Therefore, you don't need to look like," Xiao Nai says slowly, "you're facing death with equanimity (*idiom*)."

Wei Wei, "....."

Does she have a grave expression on her face already?.....

Wei Wei gets onto the bike while comforting herself that "it's just like parading the streets." But the second she sits on the bike, she regrets it before she can even have any special feelings from riding it. It's because she realizes that she is wearing a short skirt today.....

The skirt, which is a few centimeters above the knee, is now at least ten centimeters shorter after sitting on the bike. Although it's not so short that she's exposing herself, it doesn't fail to attract some passer-bys. Within a couple of minutes of riding, many people are already giving them weird glances.

Wei Wei is about to jump off the bike crying. Her legs tuck back subconsciously, but it makes no difference. The bag that she is carrying is too small, so it can't cover anything.....It's all the Great Master's fault for giving her such a shock, causing her not to think of this.

Another two guys turn their heads to look as they pass them on their bikes.

Xiao Nai suddenly makes a hard brake.

Wei Wei hops off the bike being a little startled. Xiao Nai says with a cold expression, "I'm going to buy some things."

Wei Wei watches him walk into a store with a straight back. He comes out and hands her a big bag of stuff.

"What is it?"

The dishes weren't salty. Even if they were, there's still no need to buy so much; besides drinks, there are a bunch of snacks. Wei Wei carries the big bag while feeling strange. However, she realizes the good part about it after getting back onto the bike; hehehe, it covers her legs perfectly.

With less weird glances, Wei Wei finally eases from the embarrassment. Moreover, since she's not face to face with Xiao Nai right now, she can have some time to think quietly by herself for the first time today.

But there really isn't much to think about.

The summer night breeze blows towards them. The bike soars under the sunset, passing through large canopy trees on the wide paved school walkway.....

Everything is so perfect.

Wei Wei thinks to herself — I need to be brave.

So what if he's Xiao Nai? He will be Xiao Nai in the future, but to her right now, he is NaiHe, and only NaiHe. And, she likes him.

There's a slope ahead. Wei Wei presses her lips, raises her hand, and lightly and firmly grabs onto his clothes.

The bike slows down.

Wei Wei starts to smile slightly while grabbing onto the big bag of snacks tightly.

Of course, it needs to be the right time and place to be brave. Wei Wei's display of braveness at this moment does not include entering the gymnasium

together with Xiao Nai under everyone's eyes.

Therefore, once they arrive outside of the gymnasium, Wei Wei says to Xiao Nai as he locks his bike, "I'm going to look for my roommates to watch the game. I'll see you online tonight." She flees with the bag of snacks right after, leaving the Great Master behind.

She comforts herself that this is not running away; this is making a move by taking a step back! Yes, this is advancing by retreat! It's acceptance while rejecting on the surface!

Anyhow, this is the legendary battle tactic. Oh, battle tactic.

Wei Wei enters the gymnasium from the side doors. It's already very lively and quite full of audiences; many are even standing. Wei Wei searches the stands, but can't spot her roommates. Er Xi sees her first; she stands up and waves at her, gesturing her to go over.

Others in the gymnasium have also notice her arrival; the atmosphere becomes even livelier and bursts in excitement.

Wei Wei rushes to where her roommates are sitting. There are already no more seats, so Xiao Ling tells her boyfriend Da Zhong to leave, "Go down. Let Wei Wei have a seat."

Da Zhong stands up from his seat obediently. Wei Wei feels a bit embarrassed as she sits down.

Er Xi is delighted to see her, "Wei Wei, you're also here? It's so lively today!"

"What's going on?"

Wei Wei is a little worried after hearing the word lively.

"Many beauties are here," Er Xi lists two of them and then says excitedly, "Meng Yi Ran is also here. She's just sitting three or four rows behind us."

Si Si adds, "Wei Wei, you remember Meng Yi Ran, right? She's the one who fought with you for the school's beauties list top spot. In the end, she defeated you because she's more pure and innocent looking!"

Wei Wei, ".....Can you not use the word 'fought'?"

She clearly has been staying away from it like it's the plague. In Wei Wei's point of view, this University A's top beauty title is just as troublesome as the number one in martial arts that you see in WuXia dramas. When Wei Wei found out that she was dragged into such a poll, she panicked for a long time; luckily, she didn't get chosen because she's "not pure and innocent."

Xiao Ling butts in, "Is this the first time that the two top beauties of our school appear together?"

"Eh, it does seem to be so!"

Xiao Ling says feeling upset, "If we knew that this Meng girl would come, Wei Wei, you should have worn that red dress. You would have overshadowed her completely!"

"Yes, yes, yes. That Meng girl can't compare to Wei Wei's figure."

"In actual fact, our Wei Wei is also prettier than that Meng girl. Aiya, don't know who secretly took the photo of Wei Wei on last year's poll. It was a bad shot. It was such a disadvantage compared to the close up photo for Meng Yi Ran."

"Yeah. Wei Wei didn't let us upload a better photo either."

"Stop! Eat some snacks!"

Wei Wei quickly shoves the bag of snacks to them, so that they don't get out of hand talking about her. If others hear them, she'll be humiliated, okay?

Er Xi takes a look inside the bag and screams, "Whoa! Wei Wei, did you become rich? You've bought so many snacks. How much did you spend?"

"....." how would she know.

Thankfully, Er Xi and the rest don't really care about her answer. They rush to grab the snacks they want. Xiao Ling says, "Aiya, why did you buy this brand of chips? It's not as good as Lay's."

Er Xi, "There's Lay's, but the flavor is no good."

Wei Wei thinks to herself: the Great Master bought this big bag of snacks in three minutes, and you expect him to pick flavors?

Si Si asks, "Wei Wei, did you pass the interview, so that's why you bought so many snacks to celebrate?"

".....You can say that."

Wei Wei starts eating a bag of potato chips speechlessly.....

Now that there are snacks, Er Xi doesn't forget to show her love for her classmate, so she asks, "You passed the interview? How was it?"

Wei Wei stares blankly at the ceiling. What should she say? "Mm.....the process was a fail, but the outcome was rather unexpected."

"Who cares about it being unexpected, as long as you passed it," Er Xi is no longer interested in the matter and focuses on munching her potato chips, but continues, "The main point is, Wei Wei, Xiao Nai will definitely be here today!"

Wei Wei eats her potato chips quietly. I also know that he'll be here. The snacks you're eating are bought by him.

Si Si says, "Sigh, it's computer science versus architecture department for today's competition. Isn't that Meng girl from the music department? What is she doing here?"

Er Xi says, "Si Si, that's not right of you. Handsome guys are shared resources in the whole universe. You cannot discriminate against different departments."

Wei Wei doesn't listen much of their lively chat. She gazes at the doors periodically and wonders why Xiao Nai still hasn't come in. Just as she is thinking about this, a refreshing and handsome figure wearing a simple white shirt appears at the doors.

Everything in the surrounding suddenly becomes silent. Wei Wei can only hear her heart beating. She thought that after seeing him so many times today, she wouldn't feel so intense anymore, but the reality is, her heart is beating faster than any other time that she sees him.

She and he, are no longer the same from now on.

Even when she is looking at him from afar and cannot reach him, they are entangled together with a thousand ties.

The instant that Xiao Nai enters the court, two guys of the same height rushes

over to him. They look around and behind him; one of them even runs outside of the doors. Wei Wei giggles as she watches them. They must be the ones on the phone. Could they be YuGong and MonkeyWine?

Since they are at a distance, Wei Wei looks at them without any worries. Xiao Nai, who's talking with his teammates, suddenly shifts his gaze to the stands. Wei Wei subconsciously holds her bag of potato chips up to hide her face as she feels bad for leaving the Great Master behind at the parking lot. Of course, she doesn't really hide her face.....

Xiao Nai looks around the stands and stops in her direction. He pauses for a few seconds, and then withdraws his gaze, and walks into the change room.

Wei Wei falls into a daze for a while. She hears Si Si and the others discussing.

Si Si, "Who was Xiao Nai looking at just now?"

Er Xi, "Meng Yi Ran?"

Si Si, "Not necessarily. There are a lot of pretty girls here today."

Er Xi, "But Xiao Nai was looking in our direction. There's only Meng Yi Ran here, right? I just remember. Meng Yi Ran seems to know Xiao Nai. The only time that Xiao Nai performed at the school's celebration. Meng Yi Ran was also on stage. Although they weren't in the same performance, she played an ethnic group's instrument, so maybe they were able to chat about music."

Xiao Ling says, "Xiao Nai might not have been looking at girls, okay? Why do you guys have to demean him?"

Er Xi, "Oh please, Xiao Ling, you're too naive. When has Xiao Nai ever paid attention to the stands? He has always ignored everything around him. There must be someone he was looking at."

As they get worked up discussing this, Wei Wei suddenly grabs Xiao Ling's wrist and says solemnly, "There is only one truth."

Her roommates look at her with full of anticipation.

Wei Wei says even more seriously, "He's looking at me."

Xiao Ling, "....."

Si Si, “.....”

Er Xi chokes immediately, and says weakly, “Wei Wei, do you not know that you and Xiao Nai are publicly known for being impossible to be a couple?”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 24

## Part 24: Basketball farewell game

For Wei Wei to say such a thing is merely just her being unable to suppress the mischievousness with her rising mood. But she didn't expect that they would believe her. Who knew that Er Xi will say something like this — severely stupefying her for a bit.

“Publicly known? What do you mean?”

Er Xi says, “There was some popular gossip thread on the school's forums that matched up the well-known singles in the school. You and Xiao Nai are publicly known to be the most incompatible.”

Wei Wei is a bit blown back by it and angrily says, “There's even this kind of thread. The people in our school are really dull.”

No one replies to what she says and thus, this topic stops. After quite awhile, as Er Xi and Xiao Ling are already chatting about another topic, Wei Wei pulls the conversation towards her again, “How are we incompatible?”

Er Xi thinks that Wei Wei is a bit strange today. Why is she so attached to this question? But she doesn't think more about it and says, straightforwardly, “Someone on the forum said something like this, something looks, something profession. Ah, let me think about how they said it — it was quite good.”

Recalling it, she says, “Seems like it went like this, one is simple and elegant like an ink painting, the other is rich in color like an oil painting. One is an immortal from the heavens, the other is an expensive and precious flower on earth...Hey, what is with that expression of yours!”

Er Xi, who had been getting excited as she spoke, becomes angry.

Expressionlessly, Wei Wei says, “I'm getting goosebumps. Also, I'm not oily at all.”

Er Xi, “...your joke is really cold.”



Wei Wei thinks about it and is still not cool with it, “Why does our profession not match either? We’re both in computer science, dual IT heros...”

Er Xi scoffs at her, “Can you even come up with a worse title? There’s no admiration when you’re in the same field, okay? Plus, computer science is only one of Xiao Nai’s specialty.”

There is nothing for Wei Wei to say. After being gloomy for quite a while, she suddenly thinks of an important question, “Then who do they say is compatible with Xiao Nai?”

“No one, people were opposed with anyone mentioned.”

Great! Wei Wei is satisfied.

At this time, the atmosphere in the gymnasium suddenly becomes lively. Wei Wei immediately looks onto the court. Sure enough, Xiao Nai has come out after changing into a white basketball uniform.

He had already looked handsomely and after changing into the uniform, his heroic spirit breaks out. He catches the ball thrown by his teammate with ease, and, slowly and patiently dribbled it a bit. When the teammate comes up to block him, he suddenly accelerates. Everyone thinks that he will rush through, but he makes an immediate stop and, without taking too much time to aim, he jumps and shoots. The basketball makes a beautiful arc in the air — the time seems to have slowed down at this time. Wei Wei gazes at his explosive energy and dominance on the court while keeping his cool.

The basketball falls precisely into the hoop.

Nothing but net three pointer.

After the few seconds of silence, the stands erupts into a spell of cheering. Yet, on the court, Xiao Nai has no reaction to the cheers. He chats a bit with the teammates who’ve come and then starts warming up. His gaze has only been on the court the entire time and is completely blind to the stands.

Er Xi sighs and says, “Such is an idol.”

Si Si, “It’s said that Xiao Nai is better at swimming than basketball. Who knows what he looks like when he’s competing in swimming.”

Wei Wei's thoughts can't help but follow along with what she said — what he looks like during swimming competitions, Great Master in a swimsuit...

Her face immediately turns red.

Si Si looks at her red face, and asks, baffled, "Wei Wei, you're that hot?"

Wei Wei, with a righteous tone, derides her, "You're too perverted!"

Si Si, "..."

T\_T She's so innocent.

After ten minutes, the game starts; Xiao Nai starts on court.

Basketball has always been quite a good sport to watch. Compared to the long and slow time for soccer that has one short spurt of excitement, basketball is pretty much exciting at all times.

On the court, Xiao Nai is undoubtedly the most eye-catching. This is not just because of his remarkable looks and powerful reputation. It's his performance that is a feast for the eyes.

It seems like Wei Wei is seeing the ASmileNaiHe from the game.

Actually, she doesn't really understand basketball, but that exquisite passing and the exuding calmness — that quick-witted, precise sidestepping past others, that powerful and forceful charge through the people — can't help but make her think of the number one master in the game.

Sometimes, the Xiao Nai on the court can almost be described as graceful, but when he charges, his imposing manner makes it so that no one can stop him. He brings out stunning power and speed in the midst of all the movement.

Thus, Wei Wei understands.

It turns out there's such a thing in the world — only a split second is needed for liking a person to reach its peak.

Watching this game makes Wei Wei extremely nervous. The same with Er Xi and the others. Only after the first quarter ends is Xiao Ling able to excitedly say, "That nothing but net basket by Xiao Nai was so awesome! I must have Da Zhong practice it too!"

Si Si says, “That seems like it requires really good body conditioning.”

Xiao Ling says, “I don’t know. Ah, Xiao Nai is really talented in academics and athleticism.”

Not only is he talented in academics and athleticism, Wei Wei looks over at the handsome person resting and can’t help but think of the video that he made. This person is truly too outstanding. If they are really together in the future, she must try harder.

After a short rest, the game goes into the even more intense second quarter.

So far, Xiao Nai’s number of points is not the highest on the court. He likes to pass the ball to his teammates more, but he is clearly the one who controls the rhythm. Under his direction, the computer science department plays very smoothly. After the second quarter, the computer science department is nearly 20 points ahead of the architecture department.

Xiao Ling says, “Xiao Nai’s probably going off. Da Zhong said that he would be playing at most half the game today.”

Si Si says quite disappointedly, “Why?”

Wei Wei also looks towards her.

Xiao Ling says, “Aiya, it’s the farewell game. The reserve senior players will also go on court. Plus, did you guys forget? Senior classmate Xiao Nai was just in a car accident. It’s not good for him to play for a long time.”

Wei Wei can’t help but become a bit despondent after hearing this. When she had heard that older classmates that were seniors had gotten into a car accident, she didn’t really care much after knowing that there wasn’t much damage. Who knew...

Life is really fantastic.

After ten minutes, the third quarter starts. Indeed, Xiao Nai does not go on court. Disappointed chatter starts in the stands. Wei Wei isn’t actually too disappointed and continues to watch the game as before. But, most of the time, she is actually taking note of Xiao Nai who is sitting on the side of the court.

Taking note of him speaking with his teammates, watching the court and

discussing the game.

Taking note of him tilting his head back to drink water, his shining dark hair.

Taking note of him...

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placing the bottled water down and, suddenly, without warning, walking towards the stands!!

Wei Wei stiffens in her seat.

The attention of the entire place gradually moves from the court and is pretty much all paying attention to him.

However, Xiao Nai is still calm and composed — as if all those gazes are nonexistent. Very naturally, he steps onto the stairs of the stands, then passes the rows of seats, and walks directly in front of Wei Wei.

Wei Wei is sitting by the aisle, so he very easily comes to a stop next to her. He places one of his arms very naturally on the back of her seat, leans over, and gazes at her under the burning eyes of others.

“Everyone is going to get together later, I might not be able to go online tonight.”

Wei Wei nods.

“What do you plan to do tomorrow?”

Wei Wei says, “Self study.”

Wei Wei’s expression is also incomparably calm. but if you listen carefully to what she is saying, rather than saying she’s calm, might as well say...

Xiao Nai says, “Mmm, I’ll go with you tomorrow.”

Wei Wei says, “Oh, then I’ll save a seat for you.”

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She has already completely entered into a state of conditioned reflex...

Xiao Nai lifted his eyes and took a look, then says to Si Si, who is the farthest,

“There’s an empty seat on that side, can you shift in more?”

Si Si looks to her side. Indeed, at sometime, the person next to her had left. Si Si, mechanically, shifts in. Er Xi and Xiao Ling also mechanically follow and shifts in. Wei Wei stands up and sits down in Xiao Ling’s original seat.

“Thanks.”

Xiao Nai courteously says and then, very bluntly, sits down next to Wei Wei — his line of sight looking towards the court and watches the game as if this was very common.

With him at the center, everyone ten meters all around him is silent, completely contrasting the intense battle on the court.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 25

## Part 25: Blitzkrieg War

Only after quite a while do whispers start sounding in the vicinity. Wei Wei vaguely hears her and Xiao Nai's name mentioned repeatedly. Gradually, flickering glances also head towards them.

After some more time, the noise becomes louder; becoming a buzz. The glances at them increase and become more and more brazen...

Under everyone's unsettlement, Wei Wei suddenly becomes calm.

She starts learning from the Great Master, calmly turning to watch the game. As she looks, she's so shocked that she can't help but make an astonished sound.

The score on the court has actually become even!

Xiao Nai seems to know what she is surprised about and she hears him say flatly, "Don't worry, once they stop looking into the stands, their score will pull away again."

Because the gymnasium is noisy, he has to slightly lean towards her to speak, as if he's telling her a secret. Their breathing is very close to each other and Wei Wei only needs to slightly lift her eyes to be able to clearly see his thick and long eyelashes...

It turns out, getting close is actually such a hair-raising thing.

Wei Wei lowers her eyes and looks at her hair that has fallen upon his wrist and makes an "Mmm" sound. Actually, she didn't even take note of what he was saying. She can only vaguely feel that their surroundings had become quiet again...

Only after the end of the third quarter does Er Xi wake up from her daze to call out, "How come our team is only leading by two points!"

When Wei Wei hears her voice, she then remembers that she hasn't

introduced Xiao Nai to her roommates yet. But Xiao Nai has been continuously watching the game before and it wasn't convenient to introduce them. Right now, he is still paying attention to the situation on the court. Wei Wei wants to call out to him, but is stumped by what to address him as.

Calling him senior male classmate is really weird...

Calling him NaiHe is even weirder; they're not in the online game...

Calling him Xiao Nai...eh...seems a bit embarrassing...how come the Great Master can call her Wei Wei so naturally >o<

Fortunately, very soon Xiao Nai withdraws his eyesight from the courts, allowing Wei Wei to avoid suffering from pondering. Wei Wei promptly says, "That, they are my roommates," prompting Xiao Nai to look at the three sitting next to her whose speech abilities have just been restored. She introduces them in succession, "Xiao Ling, Er Xi, Si Si."

Xiao Nai's eyes sweep over them and then slightly smiles and says, "Hello."

As a result...

the three's consciousness that have just come back are jolted away again.

Wei Wei becomes straight faced.

Sure enough, people need to be compared to see who's the best. Compared to them, her own behavior is really too good.

After the fourth quarter starts, it is as Xiao Nai had said before, the score is pulled apart again. The Computer Science department has pretty much locked in the win. As the end of the game nears, Xiao Nai suddenly says, "YuGong and MonkeyWine are down there, do you want to go say hi?"

Wei Wei is startled and then asks, "Is it number 10 and 11?"

The two that she is talking about are precisely those two who had run up to Xiao Nai as he entered earlier.

Xiao Nai nods.

"What about MoZhaHim?"

"He didn't come."

Wei Wei thinks about it, “Do they know I am ReedWeiWei?”

“No.”

Then how did you know?

Wei Wei looks at him. Her shocked feeling is slowly disappearing, but doubts in her mind are becoming stronger. However, there are so many people around them, it's clearly not the time to ask.

Wei Wei doesn't hesitate anymore and simply says, “I'll go.”

The whistle sounds for the end of the game. The Computer Science department dominates with an 18 point lead over the Architecture department. Wei Wei tells her roommates that she'll head back with them in a bit and then heads down the stands with Xiao Nai.

Behind them, Si Si stares at the snacks in her hands, her mind in disarray.

“Can it be that Xiao Nai bought everything we're eating?!”

After Xiao Ling's recovers from her shock, she pats Er Xi's hand, “This world has become a mysterious fantasy, Er Xi.”

Er Xi doesn't say anything. She looks at the back of the two walking towards the court and, after a long time, sprouts this out, “Our Wei Wei is clearly very compatible with Xiao Nai. Who says they aren't compatible? The people on the school forum are clearly blind.”

Wei Wei and Xiao Nai definitely walk down the stands with a path full of staring. As they got to the entrance of the stands, the impatient MonkeyWine and YuGong are already waiting there.

“Haha, third brother, you finally...”

A tall and sturdy, square-faced male student pats Xiao Nai on the shoulder with an expression of sorrow and speechlessness. The other male student, with a more angular face and taller by a bit, also has this expression and says, “The ten thousand year bachelor is finally settling down.”

This “ten thousand year bachelor” saying lets Wei Wei, all of a sudden, think of the first time she met them in the game. The two strangers in front of her immediately become extremely familiar to her.



Xiao Nai ignores their mockery and introduces Wei Wei, “Number 10 is Yu Ban Shan, the other is Qiu Yong Hou.” (*Hou means Monkey*)

He doesn’t mention their respective identities in the online game because it can already be inferred from the names of the two. Following that, he is just about to introduce Wei Wei to him, but Wei Wei actually takes the initiative and steps forward, rushing to courteously say before him, “Hi senior classmates, I am Wei Wei.”

YuGong — classmate Yu Ban Shan stares blankly a bit before chuckling and saying “Hello, hello” while thinking to himself, on the other hand, of course I know that you are Bei Wei Wei — the beauty of our department. Didn’t think you would actually get together with third brother. The most awesome person in Computer Science department finding a Computer Science beauty should be a natural thing, but when these two are put into this picture, how come it feels like such a shock to the eye and astonishment to the heart. (Please ignore the level of YuGong’s proverbial usage.)

Also, how come this beauty is acting so familiar with them? It’s only the first time they’ve met and she’s already telling them to call her Wei Wei.

MonkeyWine also chuckles — pretty much thinking the same thing as YuGong.

Looking at their expressions, Wei Wei knows that they didn’t put it together. So she pretends to look a bit embarrassed and supplements, “That, YuGong, MonkeyWine, I mean, I am ReedWeiWei.”

As they hear “YuGong,” MonkeyWine and the other already become a bit stupefied. When “ReedWeiWei” comes out, MonkeyWine immediately has an expression of being dumbstruck— standing there with his mouth open, unable to speak. Even more so, YuGong is as if he is acting in a classic scene — the basketball drops to the ground from his hands.

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This is the second time Wei Wei is so satisfied today.

She feels that she understands the Great Master a bit more now; seeing people become thunderstruck is truly an awesome feeling haha.

It’s too bad that Wei Wei’s delight doesn’t last for too long. In a moment, all of

Xiao Nai's teammates gathered. Wei Wei's fantasy of meeting online friends has rapidly evolved into meeting his friends and family...

Classmate Wei Wei immediately calls upon her usual method — if you can't beat them, then run. Thus, she looks towards her roommates waiting at the entrance and says, "My classmates are waiting for me. I need to leave."

She is about to escape after saying this, but Xiao Nai doesn't let her get away this time. His hand swiftly grabs her wrist.

"When do you normally go to self study?"

"...7:30."

Her entire attention has focused on her own wrist that has been grabbed tightly...

Xiao Nai smiled and then lightly let go of her wrist saying, "Got it, I'll wait at the bottom of the dormitory. Wei Wei, remember to help me save a seat."

Wei Wei victoriously flees from the basketball gymnasium. While walking back, there are still some things from today that had sunk into her mind and hasn't come yet, so she remains silent and doesn't speak. After walking for a bit, she suddenly realizes that something doesn't feel right. How come Er Xi and the others are also not speaking.

She looks towards Er Xi and the others; they are actually also taciturn with strange looks on their faces. Wei Wei immediately becomes alert. This won't do! The longer they repress it, the fiercer it will be when it erupts. She has better quickly, voluntarily, request for interrogation.

Wei Wei sighs and says, "Ask what you guys want to ask."

With rapid speed, just as her words have fallen, Er Xi immediately rushes up and shakes her, "You have been dating Xiao Nai for this long and actually didn't tell us!!"

Wei Wei stutters from Er Xi's shaking, "...wrongly accused...this...I also only just found out..."

Er Xi howls, "Are you treating us as idiots! The way you guys were today, who would believe that you didn't have at least half a year of a love affair."

Wei Wei is in tears. Half a year? More like half an hour! She struggles out of her grasp using all of her strength and then finishes speaking in one breath.

“I request ten minutes of non-interrupted statement time!”

Er Xi, Si Si, and Xiao Ling look at each other, and waves their hands with benevolence, “Quickly confess everything!”

Xiao Ling says, “How far have you guys gone? Have you kissed yet, when was the first kiss?”

“.....”

Wei Wei ignores her, clears her throat, and says, “It happened like this. On a day a few months ago, the day was sunny and void of all clouds, the moon shone bright and the stars sparse, I went to the bathroom for a bit...”

The three all snared in unison, “Get to the main point!”

The main point is right after she comes out of the bathroom, okay? They really have no patience. Nevertheless, she still needs to add some superfluous things to sort out her thoughts. In fact, she is still in confusion...

Sigh, how can she say it so that their rage can be changed into sympathy?

Wei Wei starts recalling and recounting. She is a typical engineering student with average literary talent. Under her narration, the edition of her and Xiao Nai’s story becomes meeting in game, getting married and then finally meeting in person. There are some details she didn’t mention, not because she is purposely concealing it, but it’s because it’s hard to talk about things she’s not even clear about; For example. how Xiao Nai recognized the real her. And those things that Xiao Nai said to her...she is too embarrassed to say >o<

But even with this abridged story, Er Xi and the others are already very satisfied.

After some close questioning for more details, Er Xi says, “...So you’ve only met each other for two hours?”

Wei Wei silently nods — now they know she’s been wrongly accused, alright.

Si Si, “So, you’ve only met up with Xiao Nai once and has been settled by him?”

Wei Wei speechlessly looks at the stars. How much she wants to reply no, but facts are facts; and cannot be quibbled about.

“...seems like it.” Seeing the disdain on her roommates’ faces, Wei Wei says without much confidence, “If there’s another time, I will definitely drag it out until the next day...”

Si Si looks at her in pity, “Give it up, there’s no next time.”

“I said she had fallen in love online.” Xiao Ling is immeasurably satisfied with her foresight, “But the recipient is unexpectedly Xiao Nai...”

Even now, thinking about it, she still can’t accept it.

Si Si remembers something, “That’s right, Wei Wei what video are you talking about? You’ve never shown it to us.”

“I’ll show you when we get back.” Wei Wei blurts out an answer and then, suddenly remembering something, she stops and stands there dumbfounded. Video...video...

She actually completely forgot about the video stuff!

Wei Wei is in shock.

On this end, Wei Wei is thunderstruck by her own memory. On the other end, Er Xi is using a tone of admiration to sum it up, “Great Master Xiao Nai is truly too awesome. Even pursuing someone becomes a legendary blitzkrieg war.”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 26

## Part 26: We're Family

It's night time, and Wei Wei is twisting and turning on her small wooden bed.

Her roommates are already asleep after the Bedside Conference. Only she is having trouble sleeping, but then again, maybe it's normal for her to not be able to sleep after going through such a day.

She turns her body once more; unable to sleep. Wei Wei sits up while holding her blanket. She rests her chin on her knees and sighs. She doesn't feel worried or depressed, but she can only sigh to express all the different emotions bursting inside her.

The stuffiness in her heart seems to subside a bit after letting out a breath.

Oh, Xiao Nai.

His image floats into her head; whether he's quiet or lively, or talking or smiling. Therefore, the feeling returns despite she has just let out a sigh.

Wei Wei sits for a long time while hugging her blanket. She finally feels tired and wants to sleep. Just as she falls asleep lying down, she hears movement from the bed beside her. She falls deep asleep and doesn't know what happens. Someone suddenly shakes her to wake up in the wee hours. When she opens her eyes, she sees Er Xi standing beside her bed. She says weakly, "Wei Wei, I'm having diarrhea. I've already gone to the bathroom three times. I don't think I can endure it much longer."

Wei Wei jumps up wide awake out of shock. She quickly gets out of bed to find her some medicine. The medicine doesn't help; Er Xi goes to the bathroom twice in the next half an hour. Her face is pale. Xiao Ling and Si Si also wake up from the noise. Feeling worried, the three of them quickly get dressed and sends Er Xi to a clinic to see a doctor.

Since the campus' night clinic is known to be unreliable, Wei Wei and the rest

don't dare to take Er Xi there. They exit from the West entrance, stop a cab, and go to a nearby hospital. The doctor asks about the situation, takes a sample, and advises that Er Xi has acute gastroenteritis, and needs to receive an intravenous drip.

After Er Xi falls asleep while receiving the intravenous drip, the three of them finally feel relieved. Since there's no need for the three of them here, Wei Wei and Si Si decide to stay, while Xiao Ling goes back first.

Er Xi goes to the bathroom twice after receiving the intravenous drip, but feels a lot better afterwards. Wei Wei and Si Si finally have time to take a nap, but uncomfortably. Wei Wei wakes up shortly. Er Xi also wakes up and seems to have recovered a lot. Wei Wei lowers her head to look at her watch. It's already 7am.

Er Xi says without much strength, "Wei Wei, was it Great Master Xiao who bought the bag of snacks?"

"Yeah."

"Sigh~~things from the Great Master (*Godly*) should really not be eaten. It cannot be digested by humans like me."

She's already like this and yet she still has time to joke around. Wei Wei doesn't know whether to laugh or cry. She stands up and helps Er Xi tuck the blanket. Wei Wei can't help but be distracted when Er Xi mentions Xiao Nai. It's already 7am. She should call the Great Master and tell him not to wait for her. For some reason, she feels relieved learning that she will not be able to go to self-study with the Great Master.

Her mind has already left the hospital as she stares blankly into space. Er Xi watches her while lying down. Although Wei Wei has always been pretty, she has gotten used to it after spending so much time with her. But now that Wei Wei is helping her tuck the blanket gently while being absent-minded with sparkling eyes, she looks prettier than ever.

The two of them continue to think in their own heads when something suddenly blocks the light in the room. Wei Wei instinctively lifts her head and looks towards the door.

Xiao Nai stands at the door with his eyes looking at her profoundly.

They ride in Xiao Nai's car on their way back to the school. The car is of a common and low profile brand. Wei Wei sits on the passenger side, and Er Xi, Si Si, and Xiao Ling sit in the back.

On the road, Wei Wei hears Er Xi ask Xiao Ling in a low voice, "How come Senior Xiao came?"

Xiao Ling explains quietly, "I called Da Zhong. He's a blabbermouth and told Senior Xiao, and then Senior Xiao said that it was convenient for him to drive."

Er Xi says worriedly, "I still don't think it's right."

Si Si says, "You don't need to feel bad, Senior Xiao is family."

Wei Wei's face darkens as she listens to them. Do they think that their voices are low enough? They actually dare to say all these nonsense, saying that he's family. Aren't they being overly friendly?!

Er Xi says with worry, "But, the Great Master's car. Us hu-....."

Wei Wei fears that she is going to say that humans will end up in a car accident sitting in the Great Master's car, so she turns around and interrupts her, "Si Si is right. He's family, family!"

Everyone becomes silent in the car. Wei Wei then realizes what she has just said out of panic; she doesn't even have the courage to turn her body back anymore.

Xiao Nai glances with a smile at the person beside him who's trying hard to be invisible. He says, "Have you guys had breakfast yet? Should we eat something before going back?"

Wei Wei cannot thank the Great Master enough at this moment. The Great Master is actually helping her relieve the awkwardness; he's too kind.

Xiao Ling takes a look at Wei Wei. Seeing that Wei Wei has no intention to speak, she rejects him politely, "It's okay, we've troubled Senior too much today."

Xiao Nai smiles slightly, "We're all family. There's no need to be so polite."

Wei Wei, "....."

She knew it. His kindness was only a cover.....

They end up eating breakfast. Although Er Xi doesn't really have the appetite, her stomach is empty from diarrhea, so she ate some rice porridge nonetheless. Xiao Nai generously gives them a ride back to the dorm.

Wei Wei walks back to the dorm room in weaker steps than Er Xi. She immediately crawls into her bed once they arrive.

If only she could turn back time, she would definitely not have said anything. Silence is gold! Sigh~~It turns out that not having enough sleep really impacts one's ability to react.

Wei Wei feels vexed while lying in bed. She twists and turns furiously. After rolling side to side, she falls asleep eventually.

She sleeps until 12pm; she was woken by the delicious smell of food. Xiao Ling had told Da Zhong to order four lunch meals for them, but of course, Er Xi is still getting rice porridge.

Wei Wei crawls out of bed to eat, but is surprised to see Er Xi playing on the computer. Er Xi looks way better than before, but Wei Wei is still a little worried, "You're feeling okay now?"

Even cockroaches don't recover so fast, do they?

"It doesn't take a lot of effort to browse online," Er Xi says happily, " Wei Wei, there are a lot of threads on the school forum talking about you and Xiao Nai! There are even photos of you two holding hands at the basketball game!"

Wei Wei, who just started eating her lunch, chokes on her food. She leans over with her lunch box, and sees the photo of the Great Master holding her hand at the basketball game on the screen. It seems to have been taken from far away; they look tiny, but you can still make out that it's Bei Wei Wei and Xiao Nai.

The food seems to have become tasteless, so Wei Wei puts the lunch box on the side, and takes over Er Xi's computer to read.

Er Xi says, "You shouldn't read them. There's no content. There just wasn't many people believing, but when the photo got posted, it shocked everyone. Everyone is gossiping about when the two of you started and stuff. Haha, oh



yeah, the thread about you two being the most incompatible couple also got bumped.”

Wei Wei flips through a few threads and it’s just what Er Xi says. She gives Er Xi back her computer and continues eating, “People at our school are too nosy.”

“Oh, it’s because everyone’s having exams. The closer we are to exams, the more we want to gossip. This is the legendary stress relief!”

It seems to make sense, but she has become the topic of stress relief.....

Wei Wei has no choice but to take a fierce bite out of her pork chop to release her anger!

As she’s just about done with eating, the dorm room phone rings. Xiao Ling picks up, and shouts toward Wei Wei after a second, “Wei Wei, it’s your family’s phone call!”

Wei Wei picks up the phone in embarrassment. After she says hi, a voice comes on.

“You woke up?”

The voice on the other end sounds deep; it seems to be different from when talking face to face. Wei Wei suddenly realizes that this is the first time she and the Great Master are speaking on the phone.

“Mm, I’m awake.”

“Do you still want to go to self-study in the afternoon?”

“I do want to self-study, but there are probably no more spots if we go now.”

This is the key problem. Xiao Nai hums lowly before saying, “There’s a place that’s very quiet. I’ll take you there.”

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The dorm that Wei Wei resides in is newly built just a few years ago; replicating the republican style. The building covered with red bricks looks neat and dignified. Behind the patch of green trees, the surrounding is beautiful and captivating. Beside the flowerbed in front of the dorm, herds and herds of pursuers often stand there with flowers or gifts all year round; it’s already a

common sight. But everything seems strange and different when it's that person standing there.

Wei Wei sees Xiao Nai immediately the moment she steps out of the building. Under the gazes of many, he stands quietly beside the flowerbed without a tint of uneasiness; a bike is parked beside him.

Wei Wei walks up to him with many eyes watching. She pants a little from walking down the stairs too fast. Her cheeks are red and her eyes are glossy.

"Where are we going?"

"I'll take you there." Xiao Nai casually takes the backpack from her hands and hangs it on the bike.

It's the second time Wei Wei is riding on Xiao Nai's bike. She feels much more natural this time round. If she has a choice right now, she prefers to ride a bike. She feels that she still needs more courage to walk side by side with the Great Master. As for others looking at them while riding a bike.....

Their photo has already made it online, so there's no point in worrying. She'll just ignore them entirely.

Wei Wei is too unfocused to notice that they're heading in a different direction. When they leave the West entrance, she finally realizes, "Eh, aren't we going to self-study?"

"The place is outside."

When you leave the West entrance and make a turn, it is China's famous computers and advanced technology valley. Ten minutes later, Xiao Nai stops in front of a big building, and takes Wei Wei to the 6th floor.

Once they step out of the elevator, Wei Wei sees a sign that says, "Zhi Yi Technology (*Devoted Technology*)," in gold paint. Something comes to her mind as she is stunned from seeing the sign. Could this be.....

"Your company?"

"Mm," Xiao Nai opens the locked door, "come in. It's Sunday, so there's no one here."

Wei Wei carefully walks into the office like she's on a pilgrimage. She turns her

head left and right slightly to look around.

Xiao Nai's office isn't very big. It's pretty much one floor. But then again, a software company normally doesn't need a big office anyway; it would be a waste. There's no one at the office right now, but it still gives off a sense of liveliness; probably due to the office set up or because of the decorations on the desks.

Xiao Nai leads her to the back. He opens a door with the name tag, "Xiao Nai," on it.

The Great Master's office?

Wei Wei carefully walks in with curiosity. She looks around at the intriguing space, and does not realize that she has been lured into a place with no one >\_<

Xiao Nai turns on the air conditioning and places Wei Wei's backpack onto the sofa.

"Is it okay to self-study here?"

Wei Wei nods and sits down on the sofa. Xiao Nai leaves her alone and opens his computer to start working on his own stuff.

The air conditioner blows without a sound, sweeping the hot air from outside away. In this clean and comfortable environment, Wei Wei holds a book in her hands, but can't seem to concentrate.

Just like what the Great Master says. This place is very quiet, but it's so quiet that it's scary, especially when Wei Wei finally realizes that they are the only ones here.....

Not hearing a page flip, Xiao Nai glances at her, and sees that she is in a daze, so he says, "Wei Wei, come see something."

Eh?

Wei Wei puts her book down, walks over to him, and looks on his computer screen. On the screen, there are a few delicate and beautiful looking male and female ancient avatars.

"What is this?"

“The basic character designs for ‘Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes 2.’”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 27

## Part 27: I Won't Be Able To Stand It

“Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes 2”?

This familiar yet strange title makes Wei Wei turn her gaze from the computer to Xiao Nai. She blurts out, “‘Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes’ is coming out with version 2?!”

How come she has never heard about this news? Furthermore, she even gets to see the character designs of “Dream Voyage 2” on the Great Master’s computer. What does this mean?

“The game is being made by you?” Wei Wei asks without thinking, but quickly rules it out, “That can’t be. I remember ‘Dream Voyage’ is from Feng Teng (*Soaring Wind*).”

“‘Dream Voyage’ is indeed from Feng Teng, but ‘Dream Voyage 2’ will be a collaboration between us and Feng Teng.”

His expression and voice are composed, as if he isn’t disclosing something groundbreaking. Wei Wei is stunned for a minute before she could digest the news, “I don’t think I ever heard about a ‘Dream Voyage 2’ though.”

“It has not yet been announced to the public.”

Wei Wei suddenly remembers, “So then the female thief stealing a man video is.....”

Xiao Nai shakes his head, “No, about the video rights, I only knew of it a day before you.”

Although he is collaborating with Feng Teng on “Dream Voyage 2,” he has nothing to do with “Dream Voyage 1.” “Dream Voyage 1” is a WuXia game solely developed by Feng Teng Technology as their first project under the Feng Teng Corporation. Since it’s own by a different company, he naturally won’t know what their marketing plans are. If it doesn’t affect the planning for “Dream

Voyage 2,” there is no need for Feng Teng to consult him.

Xiao Nai wouldn't have collaborated with Feng Teng on “Dream Voyage 2” if he didn't take the funding and risks into consideration. And according to the collaboration contract, Feng Teng Technology is only responsible for the funding and sustaining the operation; the production will be completely his team's responsibility. Therefore, when Feng Teng Technology called advising that they wanted to add more features to the gameplay for stealing the bride/groom in “Dream Voyage 2,” Xiao Nai was a bit surprised. When they explained that the idea came from the female thief video, Xiao Nai felt that it was pretty funny.

After thinking for a brief moment, he agreed to add the additional features to the stealing the bride/groom gameplay in “Dream Voyage 2,” but he didn't tell Feng Teng that ASmileNaiHe in the video is actually him.

Feng Teng obviously doesn't know that ASmileNaiHe is him; the ID was registered under his roommates' recommendation when “Dream Voyage” first came out. He stopped playing it after a short while. It was not until he signed a collaboration contract with Feng Teng that he started playing again in hope to familiarize himself with the game.

Xiao Nai explains his relationship with Feng Ten while showing more character designs to Wei Wei. Wei Wei asks curiously, “What is the new features on the stealing the bride/groom gameplay?”

“To put it simply, there will be a setting allowing the player to launch the gameplay of stealing the bride/groom. Unmarried players who launch this will be able to fight each other to steal the bride/groom.”

Wei Wei seems to understand, “So it's like launching the PK battles in the game?”

“Mm.”

It does seem like a fun way to play, but wouldn't it become a mess? Wei Wei imagines the scene of all male and female players in the world fighting over the bride and/or groom, ::sweat::

After browsing through some character designs, Xiao Nai gets up from his seat to make some tea. Wei Wei, who's still looking at the computer screen, takes

over Xiao Nai's mouse and continues browsing through them. She is so immersed in it that she has already sat herself in Xiao Nai's seat without knowing.

Xiao Nai sees this when he turns around after making the two cups of tea. After briefly being a little surprised, he regains his composure and puts the cup of tea in his left hand on the bookshelf beside him. He takes a sip from his cup while leaning on the shelf.

You stand on the bridge gazing at the scenery, while I gaze at you from above.

Not knowing that she has become a part of a scenery, Wei Wei takes a look at the character designs carefully again. She raises her head to look at Xiao Nai and says, "I like this game."

Xiao Nai continues to lean on the bookshelf and smiles, "Just from looking at the character designs?"

"Yeah, you can tell a lot from looking at the character designs." Wei Wei thinks for a moment. Although she feels a little embarrassed, she still wants to tell him her thoughts.

"In order to attract male gamers, online games these days often make female avatars dress in revealing clothes. Some are to the point of being intolerable. The reason why I chose the heroine in red is because I like her fighting techniques, and because she has more clothes on. But 'Dream Voyage 2' is different. The female characters are dressed appropriately. This shows that the makers of the game respect themselves and the game itself. They are confident in their game, so they don't need to do kitschy things to appeal to the audience."

Wei Wei feels delighted in her heart. The female characters in 'Dream Voyage 1' dress quite revealingly; it's just that they're a little better than other online games. Since 'Dream Voyage 2' has made such a big change, it must have been the Great Master's decision as he is one of the core makers for it. With this said, does it mean that the Great Master respects women a lot?

Xiao Nai didn't expect her to say this; he can't help but feel moved. Looking at her glowing face and smelling the light fragrance of tea, a feeling of happiness sweep across the deepest part of his heart.

Although “making female characters not be dressed revealingly” is easy to say, it took him tremendous effort to make it a reality. Coming from a prestigious literary family, perseverance has been engraved in his body. But what happens when you try to convince your investors with your principles? You’re too naive and being too unrealistic. Only the market can persuade the market. Therefore, he did all kinds of research to show spending power of female gamers to the investors, and making them realize that a game’s attraction to male players is not due to how revealing the female characters are dressed.....

But obviously, he’s not going to tell Wei Wei this. A thousand words and reasons are always played down by Xiao Nai. His eyes are shining brightly, reflecting the image of the person in front of him. He smiles elegantly, “Thank you for your compliment. I’m honored.”

Despite his expression is calm, Wei Wei can still sense a slight change in his emotion. The Great Master seems to be in a good mood. Did she flatter the Great Master without knowing? Wei Wei feels a little embarrassed, but asks Xiao Nai with anticipation, “When will internal testing begin for ‘Dream Voyage 2’?”

“A beta version will be out by year end the soonest.”

She shouldn’t have any trouble with getting a beta account by then, right? After a moment of excitement, Wei Wei remembers something important, “Since you guys are collaborating, should you take care of the matter with the video rights? It’s probably best for you to take care of it. Although it was uploaded with my account name, you were really the one who made it.”

Xiao Nai rejects her offer immediately, “Of course I can’t. My name cannot appear on the contract.”

Wei Wei asks while feeling strange, “Why?”

Xiao Nai says simply, “Royalties.”

It takes Wei Wei a while to actually understand——as one of the core makers of “Dream Voyage 2,” it’s only right for him to contribute for the game, so if the Great Master goes to sign the contract, Feng Teng will definitely not pay the royalties.

“Alright, I’ll go sign the contract myself. We’ll split the royalties between the



five of us,” Wei Wei says in agreement. But why does she suddenly feel like she’s swindling someone for money even though it’s clearly legal >o<

“There’s no need to split it with YuGong and the others,” Xiao Nai says casually while watching the tea leaves float and sink in his cup.

“Huh?” That’s not too nice, is it? After all, they did take part in it.

“Just keep it for yourself. Take it as a welcoming gift from them.”

Welcoming gift.....

Wei Wei gapes speechlessly at him. She was going to ask what to do about his portion, but now she doesn’t dare to. What if he says.....take it as a betrothal gift >o<

They have been engrossed in talking about the online game, so Wei Wei didn’t feel anything otherwise. But now that she has stopped talking, the room has suddenly become quiet. Wei Wei instantly realizes that her hand is actually holding the Great Master’s mouse, that she’s using the Great Master’s computer, and that she’s sitting in the Great Master’s chair?!

When, when, when did this happen?!

She slowly slips her hand off of such a mystical device as the Great Master’s mouse. Wei Wei shifts her gaze in extreme embarrassment and avoids looking at the Great Master’s face. She was just feeling weird about why he had been standing all this time.....It turns out it’s because he has no seat to return to >o<

The office is very quiet, and it seems as if Xiao Nai is purposely making her feel even more embarrassed by not speaking or moving. He continues enjoying his tea leisurely with his long fingers caressing the side of the cup occasionally.

His movement catches Wei Wei’s wandering eyes’ attention. She stares at his fingers without blinking. She didn’t notice it just now due to being busy talking. The cup he’s holding seems to be.....

Wei Wei sets her embarrassment on the side, stands up and walks towards him with curiosity. She stares at the cup in his hands. Xiao Nai smiles and hands the cup over to her.

Wei Wei holds the cup in her hand and looks at it carefully. It is a classically

shaped white porcelain cup; exquisite and beautifully glazed. It looks cute and refined with light green-tea inside. But what attracts Wei Wei the most is not because it's delicately made, it's because of the image printed on it— —in front of a patch of bamboo, a white robed musician sits playing on his guqin.

“Limited edition collectible mugs from ‘Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes’?” Wei Wei asks ecstatically.

“Mm, there's also this one. It's yours.”

Another cup spreading with the aroma of tea is placed into her other hand. It is also in white, but has the image of a heroine in red swinging her saber.

“Are there others?” There are 36 avatars in “Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes,” so there should be 36 mugs.

“Feng Teng gave us a set, but I've only grabbed these two and let YuGong and the others have the rest.”

He only grabbed these two?

Wei Wei, who is admiring the cups looking left and right, suddenly freezes. She raises her head to look at his handsome face up close. After a moment, her eyelashes lower and obstruct her roaming, gleaming eyes.

So does this mean that he saved the cup for her? Did he know long ago that she would visit his office one day?

Wei Wei continues looking at her cup, but she begins to slow down her actions; showing that she is distracted. Without much thought, Wei Wei finally asks softly, “Xiao Nai, how did you recognize me yesterday?”

It's the first time she called him “Xiao Nai.” It's as if the name holds some kind of magical power, even for someone as composed as Xiao Nai, his mind immediately goes blank.

But once he recovers and answers her, it's Wei Wei's turn to have her mind go blank.

“Not yesterday,” he gently takes the cup with the white robed musician away from her hand. Xiao Nai continues, “It was back in March, at Ji Zhi (*Ultimately Devoted*).”

March? Ji Zhi? The place called Ji Zhi.....

“The internet cafe?!” Wei Wei asks in shock.

“Mm, I happened to go there for something. When I was leaving, I saw you fighting in a guild battle.”

Wei Wei is completely stunned. She has thought of many reasons as to why the Great Master recognized her; like by her voice, or by looking up her IP or online profile. None of these are hard to do for the Great Master. But he has actually seen her at the internet cafe? And it's way back in March?

Thinking back now, she did visit the internet cafe once back in March. It was because the dorm's broadband died. She went to tell people in the guild that she wouldn't be able to go online for a while, as well as to participate in the guild battle.

The Great Master knew who she was from this long ago?

“Your operating skills were beautiful. Your fingers moved very fast.”

Xiao Nai fixes his gaze on Wei Wei's hands. These were the hands that captured his attention in the noisy internet cafe.

Oh, fast fingers~~Wei Wei's mind is in a mess. She can only continue from his words not knowing what to say, “I've played SC (*StarCraft*) for a while during the summer when I was in third year of high school. That's how I practiced. My APM (*Actions Per Minute*) is actually not high. It's not even at 150.”

“APM is only used as a reference.”

Wei Wei nods. Compared to APM, accuracy may be more important, but although she agrees with him, Wei Wei can't help but ask, “What is your APM?”

Could it be an extreme number? Something unbelievable like 400.....

“I've never tested myself. When I first started playing, the concept of APM didn't exist yet.”

Didn't exist yet? How many years ago is it then? Wei Wei thinks for a minute. She suddenly feels her blood rushing through her veins; the Great Master must be super handsome when playing online games.

Wei Wei feels more and more excited from just thinking about it. Therefore, she asks out of reflex while looking at him with her sparkling eyes, “Let’s find a time to PK each other!”

Where is this conversation going to? Xiao Nai raises his eyebrows and looks at her with a smile, “Sure, but may I ask you,” he pauses before continuing, “.....to go easy on me.”

He clearly didn’t say anything odd, but Wei Wei’s face is red. No matter what, it feels like he wanted to say, “my dear wife,” at the place where he took a pause.

Unbelievable.

She must be possessed today; thinking of all these weird things like betrothal gifts and being his “dear wife.” If she continues, she might come up with weirder things, uh.....

“Um~ I’m going to read a book.”

Before Xiao Nai can respond, Wei Wei returns quickly to the sofa with her cup of tea. She picks up her book and starts concentrating on reading it.

Teatime has ended.

Not long after reading a couple of pages seriously, Wei Wei falls into a daze again; remembering that there’s still one more question—

If he recognized her from so long ago, why didn’t he tell her in the game?

Wei Wei can’t help but feel vexed. She doesn’t realize that her gaze has already moved from the book to the person behind the desk.

The office is still very quiet. Only the sound of keyboard tapping can be heard. And even the tapping slowly goes away. Xiao Nai suddenly stops and says without turning his head, “Wei Wei, if you continue looking at me, I won’t be able to stand it.”

Due to being absent-minded, Wei Wei doesn’t understand his words after hearing them. She finally comes to her senses after a while, and then.....

Alright, Wei Wei is about to combust herself. She doesn’t want to ask anything anymore T T

The afternoon passes with Wei Wei being highly inefficient. They eat dinner at a place nearby the Great Master's office. Wei Wei was worried that she would have to eat fish soup again, but luckily, the Great Master isn't that evil.

Since she didn't get to read a lot in the afternoon, Wei Wei really wants to go back to her dorm room after dinner, but the Great Master chases her thought away before she could act.

The Great Master asks, "Do you want to PK with me?"

Therefore, Wei Wei follows him back to the office obediently. With one computer per person, they start PKing~~~ But the sad thing is, from PKing in "Dream Voyage" to SC, there's not one that Wei Wei doesn't lose. She even starts to get a little angry from losing. Aren't boyfriends supposed to go easy on their girlfriends? Why is hers so ruthless? His eyebrows don't even twitch when defeating her.

Of course, it's very shameful to wish for the Great Master to go easy on her. Therefore, Wei Wei slaps the thought back into the bottom of her head.

Since Wei Wei refuses to give up after losing, Xiao Nai doesn't take her back to the dorm until 9pm. Wei Wei has been busy for the whole day; from meeting up with the Great Master to PKing each other. But Wei Wei seems to have suddenly found back the feelings she had from the online game. She suddenly feels that the Great Master is so close to her.....

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 28

## Part 28: Passing by

The next time Wei Wei logs into “Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes” is already four days later, on a Friday.

Originally, Wei Wei would never touch a game during exam time so as to avoid distractions...now there’s already someone distracting her.

The last time she went online was for the video contract.

In the past few days, with great efficiency, Wei Wei has signed a contract with Feng Teng Games. On Wednesday, Wei Wei sent the contract to Feng Teng’s headquarters in Shanghai. On Thursday, they said that they had already received it. And then, they agreed to give the remuneration stated on the contract to Wei Wei on Friday at 8pm.

The remuneration in the contract is four in-game pets.

In the beginning, the remuneration brought up by Feng Teng was 6,000 in cash. But after considering it for a while, Wei Wei brought up the thought of using in-game pets as substitution for cash as remuneration. Feng Teng is naturally glad at this suggestion; after all, 6,000 would be in real cash while in-game pets are merely a few lines of data to them. Then, both sides spent at least N hours going back and forth about the level and stats of the pets. Finally, Wei Wei’s conditions were met and Feng Teng agreed to give Wei Wei four normal spirit pets with market values of around 20,000 and two types of materials that have extremely low drop rates (*when bosses/monsters are killed*).

Of course, all these things are not just for Wei Wei herself; YuGong, MonkeyWine and the others all have a share. Even though, the Great Master meant for her to take all of the rewards for herself, Wei Wei still feels that sharing a good thing with everyone else is an even happier thing.

8pm was the agreed upon time. At just 7:30, Wei Wei logs on. After all, after

so many days of not playing the game, she still misses it a bit.

At dinner, Great Master said that he was busy at night, and is most likely not online. But when she gets online, Wei Wei still first glances at his avatar — sure enough, it is dim.

YuGong and MonkeyWine aren't online either, but MoZhaHim's avatar is lit. Wei Wei is just about to send a message to him to say hi when he first sends dot dot dots over.

Wei Wei is rendered powerless and replies with dot dot dots.

MoZhaHim then types double the amount of dots over.

Not to be beaten, Wei Wei sends a stream of dots, even longer than his over.

As a result, the mysterious conversation is carried out like this.

“.....”

“.....”

“.....”

“.....”

Just as Wei Wei is thinking, why do I have to be so senseless, MoZhaHim finally, bitterly, opens his mouth: “Younger female classmate, Wei Wei...”

This way of addressing her makes Wei Wei instantaneous understand the legendary deer in headlights feeling, and is shocked to quite a degree. At once, without thinking about it, she replies: “Beautiful senior male classmate...”

“Sh\*t!” MoZhaHim, on the other end, immediately explodes in anger, “Who told you about this name? I am 180cm in height, stronger than a bull, and darker than charcoal. Beautiful my a\*\*, beautiful @ ¥ # ¥ % ¥ .....% ¥ &.....”

But who told you to have the surname Hao (*Homonym to “very”*); was even born on Mount Emei (*ref. to [Emei Sect](#), known in books for martial arts for women*); and even had your mom think that you were going to be a baby girl, so she even had the name Hao Mei (*Mei as a homonym to “beautiful” aka Very Beautiful*) prepared for you? Wei Wei thinks about this with sympathy towards him on this end. A man being called this name is indeed very detrimental.

After sending the angry message, MoZhaHim angrily asks: “Who told you about this nickname?”

Of course, the Great Master said it. Actually, Xiao Nai had only mentioned MoZhaHim’s name in passing. But Wei Wei was mind-blown by the “elegance” of this name and asked a few more questions, so the Great Master Xiao Nai also said a bit more, *sigh*...

How could Wei Wei do such a thing as selling out her own Great Master! But then, lying isn’t right either. So Wei Wei replies like that: “On the basketball court that day, I met YuGong and MonkeyWine.”

Understand what the art of speaking is now?

Classmate Bei Wei Wei didn’t say anything — only stating something that had happened — and already shifted the blame onto someone else.

Understand what nurture influencing a person’s character means now? Our classmate Wei Wei hasn’t even met Xiao Nai in the flesh for that many days; the bend in the clear spring has already changed into Heilongjiang (*lit. black dragon river*).

MoZhaHim doesn’t reply for a long time. When he does reply, he says to Wei Wei: “Just now, I went to PK with the real people.”

Wei Wei feels awkward: “YuGong and MonkeyWine?”

Don’tHitHim: “That’s right. Don’t worry, I didn’t sell you out.”

All in all, Wei Wei still hasn’t gotten up to the Great Master’s level yet; seeing MoZhaHim’s sense of justice, she immediately feels a bit embarrassed and consoles him very sincerely: “Senior classmate, actually, I feel that you are still very fortunate.”

MoZhaHim types out a coal emoticon.

Wei Wei: “Doesn’t your name originate from Mount Emei (*E Mei Shan*). Think about it, what if you weren’t name Hao Mei, you could have been called Hao E, Hao E — (*homonym*) Very Hungry...it sounds even more...”

MoZhaHim calmly says: “Would you rather be called “Very Hungry” or “Very Beautiful” on the streets?”



Wei Wei lols.

MoZhaHim says even more peacefully, “I’ve reflected upon this question for many years. Actually, I could have been called Hao Shan (*Good Mountain*).

Wei Wei rofls.

As she chats with MoZhaHim, StormGoddessNiNi also comes online. Wei Wei sends a smiling emoticon over and receives StormGoddessNiNi’s reply in a moment. Her tone is of complete excitement: 55555 (*boohooohooohoo*), Wei Wei you’re here! I thought you were going to be like Guild Master ButterflyDreams and won’t play the game anymore!”

“No ^\_^, I’m just busy with exams.”

“You haven’t been on in so long.”

“I’ve come twice, you didn’t happen to be on.”

“Is that what it was, that’s too unfortunate.”

After chatting about the recent developments, StormGoddessNiNi asks again about ASmileNaiHe missing the Couple’s Competition. Wei Wei wants to say that the Great Master ran into a tree, but that didn’t seem Great Master like, so she ambiguously went over it without giving much detail. Even just like this, the news that ASmileNaiHe hasn’t left “Dream Voyage” is enough gossip to satisfy NiNi.

Satisfied by the gossip, NiNi thinks of something else: “That’s right, Wei Wei, do you have time right now?”

“What is it?”

“Help me kill the Underworld Demoness. It’s a new boss. I’ve tried killing it twice, but didn’t pass. You haven’t passed it yet, right?”

Wei Wei looks at the time; it is almost 8. She still doesn’t know how the [GM](#) (*game master*) will give her the pets. It doesn’t seem too convenient if she is in the middle of fighting.

“Is after 8 alright? I am a bit busy.”

StormGoddessNiNi nods.

The procedure the game company takes is without communication.

At exactly 8pm, four spirit pets soundlessly appeared in Wei Wei's account. The system bot only popped up an individual message. Then again, giving one person so many spirit pets at once and announcing it in public will definitely bring on cursing.

Wei Wei looks at the different forms of the spirit pets in her inventory and becomes extremely happy — eyes sparkling. Spirit pets, oh spirit pets. Once she gives these spirit pets to YuGong and the others, everyone in the entire party will have a spirit pet. With them all standing in a row, it will be so eye-catching...

Wei Wei starts daydreaming for awhile before looking at her friends' list. MoZhaHim is still on. She sends him a message: "Beautiful senior classmate, come quickly. Sending spirit pets."

After hearing the two words, spirit pets, why would MoZhaHim bother about the way Wei Wei addressed him. He quickly appears next to Wei Wei.

Wei Wei gives him a ball cactus.

This ball cactus is only just of ordinary quality and can't compare to Xiao Nai's little kitten. Even though, Wei Wei asking for so many spirit pets at once wouldn't go as far as creating an imbalance in the game, the game company still has to consider the thoughts of other players.

However, MoZhaHim is already very happy because the spirit pet that Wei Wei has given him is very compatible with his profession. It's one that MoZhaHim has salivated over for a long time, but hasn't been able to get a hold of.

After the initial excitement, MoZhaHim asks where the pet came from and Wei Wei replies that it was given by the game company through the contract for the video. The main characters in the video all had a share. She doesn't mention the original 6,000 the game company had offered.

After all, MoZhaHim is also someone who is soon going to go out into the professional world. Of course, he knows that a game company won't be so generous as to give spirit pets to support roles. Most likely, his own junior female classmate, in front of him, who moonlights as third sister-in-law got it for him.

MoZhaHim becomes so touched that he can't even speak coherently: "Third brother gave his hand (*feminine use*) well. Third brother gave his hand well.

We're riding on his success."

Wei Wei has long since turned a blind eye to their refined way of using proverbs, so didn't object to MoZhaHim's usage of himself riding on another's success. But...

Wei Wei: "Gave his hand ..."

MoZhaHim went hehe and then says, "I said the wrong thing, said the wrong thing. This is YuGong's catchphrase. I accidentally learned it. Every day he says he's going to give his hand to a rich wife.

Wei Wei didn't think YuGong would have such ambitions and can't help but say with deep veneration: "You really can't judge someone by their appearance."

MoZhaHim accidentally spoiled YuGong's reputation and feels extremely satisfied. After being cocky for a bit, he suddenly thinks of something and says: "Third sister-in-law, there's something that I need to report to you."

"Wah?"

Wei Wei is made a bit nervous by his serious tone.

MoZhaHim: "Today, someone called the dorm and confessed to third brother!"

Eh...what?

MoZhaHim fears that she wouldn't understand, so continues saying, "It's true. I picked up the phone. It was a female. But I heard third brother reject her."

Wei Wei: "Confess..."

With just a spirit pet as a bribe from Wei Wei, MoZhaHim is already considering Wei Wei as family just like that. He is angry at the way that some pursuer would actually dare walk into the tiger mountain with full knowledge that third brother's family already has a tiger.

"Third sister-in-law, don't worry. I'm here. I definitely won't let third brother have an illicit lover. What are girls thinking these days? She clearly knows he already has one and still dares to approach! Everyone will try to snatch a piece of land that has an owner, but no one plows the idling fields next to it..."

Seeing how MoZhaHim is becoming more and more volatile with more and more complaints, Wei Wei is helpless and promptly stops him.

“Senior classmate, calm down. Being confessed to is nothing...”

Wei Wei: “I’ve been confessed to since I was young...”

Before knowing YuGong and them, even when joking, Wei Wei wouldn’t say such things. But under their imperceptible influence, Wei Wei is very accustomed so saying such “clinching the point” things to people she is familiar with.

She can’t help but say, that in the PK battle between ReedWeiWei and MoZhaHim, Wei Wei’s “Lightning Burst” spell obtains a decisive victory.

MoZhaHim vanishes without a trace again; his character standing there without moving. Wei Wei circles around him twice, sighing endlessly. Beautiful senior classmate is no good, no good at all! Being with YuGong and the others everyday, how can he survive with such low capabilities.

After she finishes three circles, MoZhaHim finally replies: “Third sister-in-law...”

Wei Wei intends to use an emoticon of disdain as a reply when, before she manages to type the disdaining emoticon, she sees MoZhaHim saying: “Just now, third brother was passing by me.”

Wei Wei: “...”

MoZhaHim: “Just as you were saying you’ve been confessed to since you were young.”

Wei Wei feels that her own typing strength has somewhat lessened: “Nonsense, he doesn’t live on campus.”

MoZhaHim: “He moved back today.”

Wei Wei: “.....”

MoZhaHim: “He’s turning on his computer now...”

**These words of his hadn’t even disappeared yet when a ding sounded. The system bot prompts: “Your husband, ASmileNaiHe, is online.”**

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 29

## Part 29: The most terrific party in history

In 0.1 seconds, Wei Wei rushes offline.

During the first second she's off, Wei Wei's thoughts are: Good thing I ran quickly.

After a second, Wei Wei starts thinking back over it: Why the heck did I go offline. It was just a joke. Wouldn't running off like this make it seem like I have a guilty conscience? This won't do! One must behave with calmness. If one isn't actually calm, then one must appear matchlessly calm.

Therefore, Wei Wei crawls on again. As soon as she goes on, she sees her husband, with his white robes lightly flowing in the wind, standing together with MoZhaHim. Scrambling to speak before they do, Wei Wei sends an angry emoticon.

"I got disconnected (*connection dropped*)!"

"....."

In a certain male dorm in University A, a certain guy called Hao Mei choked; turned to look at a certain someone who, because he couldn't find an empty space, had placed his laptop on his knees and logged into the game, "Your wife is truly talented."

"Thank you for your flattery." Xiao Nai says this modestly without even thinking about it. But his face is covered in a "of course my wife is very talented" expression. The corners of his mouth held a slight smile, his eyes that are attentively looking at the computer are sparkling, and his slender fingers are slowly typing out on the keyboard: "The internet on campus is indeed not too stable."

This time, it's Wei Wei's turn to choke.

How come seeing the Great Master being so acceptive of this gives her an

absolutely horrified feeling inside. Wei Wei can't help but think about the unfortunate EvilBloodOath who had offended the Great Master so long ago. There was no sign at all prior to the Great Master taking action. It's clear that he is definitely the type that can endure ten years of waiting for revenge. Forget it, if this was a bomb, then let it explode the earlier the better; the deeper it gets buried, the fiercer the explosion will be.

However, even though Wei Wei has already decided to take the heroic path, she can't avoid the final battle. It is said that attacking is the best defense...

So.

Wei Wei: "Eh, I heard that someone called you to confess today."

As soon as these words popped up, Xiao Nai glanced at Hao Mei. Hao Mei is looking fixedly at his computer. A drop of sweat slides down from his forehead.

Xiao Nai smiles slightly and calmly replies.

ASmileNaiHe: "Today, the only person who called was to invite me to play the guzheng at the graduation evening party."

"....."

After a spell of silence.

MoZhaHim: "YuGong's calling me to give him a back massage. I'm logging off, logging off."

He disappears in a wink.

Wei Wei wishes she can drag him back and give him 80 butt slaps with a hard wooden plank. How could he bring back such falsified intelligence? It's like harming others without consequences.

In game, on the banks of the lotus pond, the white-robed musician has already sat down and is pensively playing the zither: "My wife, please be at ease. I have not been confessed to since I was young."

Wei Wei's expression becomes awkwardly embarrassed. If you haven't been confessed to, then you haven't been confessed to. Did you have to deliberately emphasize the four words "since I was young"? The Great Master definitely did it on purpose.

Wait!

After this sentence of his hovered in her mind two or three times, Wei Wei suddenly senses that there is something wrong about this. The Great Master actually says he's never been confessed to?! How is that possible! She's even personally seen it, okay?

Wei Wei: "...I've even seen you be confessed to."

Wei Wei recalls the one out of the very few times she's seen the Great Master before they had met; it's when she saw him ignore the pink letter held out to him by some girl, and walk away.

Xiao Nai frowns: "When was this?"

Wei Wei thinks about it. Because seeing the Great Master was such a miraculous event, Wei Wei can roughly remember when it happened.

"Near the end of last term. On the road in front of the library. I saw someone give you a love letter."

After a brief silence.

ASmileNaiHe: "I seem to have an impression of it."

See, see, and you still say you haven't been confessed to before; Wei Wei disdains.

ASmileNaiHe: "That girl seemed to be handing out a flyer."

Wei Wei @\_@

Wei Wei: "...no way."

ASmileNaiHe: "Why no way? Don't tell me people actually confess in the middle of the street. Unless..."

ASmileNaiHe: "My wife, you have come across this before?"

Wei Wei immediately breaks out in cold sweat. She has really come across this before, and it wasn't just once.

The white-robed musician sighs: "As expected, my wife is very popular."

She's done for. The more is said, the messier it gets. Wei Wei promptly says:



“No no, actually these types of things are very annoying when there’s too many.”

Ah, that’s not right. This sentence might be misunderstood by him as her showing off.

Wei Wei hurriedly changes her wording: “I mean, for these types of things, it’s about the quality and not the quantity. It’s enough that you have me.”

The result of her fingers being faster than her brain is that unnecessary words that haven’t been completely processed by her brain, have already slipped out through her fingers.

After 0.01 seconds, since it’s hard to come by the Great Master stumped for words over there...

Wei Wei quickly rushes offline again.

Wei Wei is criticizing herself.

She was wrong.

She shouldn’t have learned the bad instead of the good; learning from YuGong and the other to say such “clinching the point” things. Look at her now, the result of this becoming second nature is blind sighting herself in a critical situation.

She’s done for. How will she face the Great Master tomorrow. This won’t do, she must run out before the Great Master’s phone call comes tomorrow. Just as she is thinking about the phone, the dorm’s phone starts ringing, scaring Wei Wei who has been immersed in her own thoughts.

She is the only one in the dorm. Wei Wei runs over and picks it up.

“Hello?”

“It’s me.”

Great Master...he actually goes as far as calling. Wei Wei becomes awkward, “...you also got off?”

“I didn’t come off.” Xiao Nai says pensively, “The internet on campus isn’t good today. I also got disconnected.”

Wei Wei >\_<. Great Master, if you don't make me feel awkward a bunch of times a day, you can't sleep, can you?

As if he sees that Wei Wei has become so awkward that she can't even speak anymore, Xiao Nai gently laughs.

"Wei Wei, I am very happy."

His low voice echos in the empty hallway. Xiao Nai holds the cellphone with his back leaning against the wall; thinking about the way his dorm mates heckling him just now when he took his cellphone and walked out of the dormroom.

"Are you going to go call our beautiful lady Bei!"

They all know what he came out to do; probably because at the time he was unable to conceal his expression at all.

Even though he has always been someone who never exposes himself to others.

Is the Great Master saying he's happy...because of those words of hers?

Wei Wei's fingers subconsciously start winding the phone cord. Only after a long time does an extremely quiet "mm" sound come out.

Both sides on the phone become quiet as if there is no need to speak. After quite a while, Wei Wei finds a different topic, "For the video contract, I asked the game company for spirit pets."

"Hao Mei has already told me."

"I asked for four of them, none for you." Actually there is something for him, but she isn't sure it will succeed. It's better not to mention it for now.

Wei Wei winds the phone cord over and over again, "I got a small tiger. It doesn't have as good attributes as yours, and the gender is different than your tiger."

Xiao Nai quickly understands her meaning, but doesn't say it out loud. He only lightly laughs, "So?"

"It's nothing. Next time we go online, let's have them get married. Perhaps they can give birth to a little spirit pet."

“Okay,” Xiao Nai says, “Next time I’ll ask if my tiger is willing.”

There’s a need to ask?! Wei Wei becomes angry, “There’s only one female tiger in the entire game. He better be willing!”

Xiao Nai chuckles, “Mmm, that’s true. He will definitely be willing.”

It is as if a feather is softly brushing past her heart. Wei Wei suddenly feels like she can’t hold onto the receiver. Even without Xiao Nai in front of her, her eyes can’t help but look around. When her eyes sweep across the alarm clock Si Si has placed on her table, something that she had already tossed to another galaxy finally appeared again in her mind.

Wei Wei, “Do you have time right now?”

“Mmm?”

“Go on the game again, help my friend kill a boss.”

This is the third time Wei Wei has gone online today. As soon as she went on, she receives StormGoddessNiNi’s anguished wailing: “Wei Wei, how come you went off!”

In cold sweat, Wei Wei replied: “I suspect my connection dropped...”

StormGoddessNiNi: “Oh, I thought you were standing me up.”

With a guilty conscience, Wei Wei, “No...how many positions do you have? I’ll bring an expert over.”

StormGoddessNiNi: “I haven’t called anyone yet, come over with your friend first.”

By the time she finishes speaking with StormGoddessNiNi, NaiHe has already appeared next to her. Wei Wei calls to him. There is no response. Only after a minute or so does the white robed musician say: “I’m here. I was just disposing of the crowd watching.”

Crowd watching...

Without saying anything, Wei Wei pulls him into a party. The two rapidly got to the tunnel entrance to the underworld.

StormGoddessNiNi is already waiting there for them. When she sees that the

expert Wei Wei brought is actually ASmileNaiHe, it throws her into a mess. She madly shouts out to Wei Wei in private chat: “ASmileNaiHe is going to help me pass the boss?!!!!!!”

Wei Wei beams: “Uh-huh, it’s awesome fighting monsters with him. I’ll have him be the leader later.”

StormGoddessNiNi sends a salivating emoticon.

Wei Wei: “I’ve never battled the underworld boss before. Have you, NaiHe?”

ASmileNaiHe: “No.”

Wei Wei: “Then I’ll go take a look on the official site.”

Even though Wei Wei doesn’t like to look at guides when she’s fighting monsters by herself, this is helping someone else pass the boss. Having a little more security should be good.

“There’s no need to look.” NaiHe says: “Call over another ranged attack character. It’ll be faster for killing.”

StormGoddessNiNi takes his advice: “Okay, I’ll call for people in the guild. There must be others who need to pass him.”

As she speaks, StormGoddessNiNi opens the guild channel to call for people.

[Guild][StormGoddessNiNi]: “Does anyone want to come and pass Underworld Demoness together? There are two spots in the party for an archer and a random one.

She only calls once and someone answers. It’s just that the candidates are a bit unexpected.

[Guild]RealWaterIsScentless]: Two spots? YaoYao and I will go over. Wait a moment.”

StormGoddessNiNi is stunned. She doesn’t even have enough time to think of something to nicely reject them before RealWaterIsScentless appears with LittleRainYaoYao at the tunnel entrance to the underworld.

The two sides face each other. Wei Wei immediately feels awkward.

StormGoddessNiNi really wants to commit suicide. Excuses keep popping into

her mind;“The weather isn’t good today, let’s retreat”;“Today is world peace day, let’s not kill anyone”; “I suddenly have diarrhea” etc. Finally, all these mumbo jumbo thoughts transform into a huge complaint — Why doesn’t the electricity go out right now!

In the middle of these chaotic thoughts, StormGodessNiNi says one thing: “Um, is there anyone who doesn’t want to join the fight?”

Well, RealWater and LittleRainYaoYao were actually thinking about retreating, but with these words of NiNi’s, they can no longer leave as they wanted.

That’s way too disreputable.

StormGoddessNiNi is part of their guild, why should they leave.

Of course, Wei Wei also doesn’t want to collaborate with RealWater and company, but one, there is StormGoddessNiNi’s reputation, and two...she got here first. If someone has to leave, it should be them.

It is silent for a full minute.

ASmileNaiHe: “Organize the party.”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 30

## Part 30: The Demeanor of an Expert

StormGoddessNiNi wants to die when adding the party.

After setting it up, StormGoddessNiNi suddenly feels a surge of [HP \(energy\)](#) just from looking at the list of IDs in her party.

Just like the old saying: when one NiNi is struck by lightning, tens of thousands of NiNi's will stand under the sound of thunder and lightning! It's all for the sake of gossip! Fists up!

StormGoddessNiNi stares at her computer screen with eyes burning at a million watts. Her left hand presses the print screen button firmly as she thinks inside her head: come! Let's see some sparks fly!

Unfortunately, as the clock ticks by, the "sparks" that she hopes for never comes.

The Underworld Cave is actually a six stage tree cave. The Underworld Cave boss, more precisely—is the Underworld Demoness and her boy toys >\_<. Besides the first stage, which consists of [Nie Xiao Qian](#) calling out for help, triggering a cut scene and starting a warmup fight, the rest of the stages are guarded by the Underworld Demoness and her boy toys. They can only get to the final stage after fighting and scaring away her boy toys—a huge final fight against the Underworld Demoness and all her boy toys who fled from the fight in the previous stages.

It must be mentioned that the setup of this quest is very twisted. But it gets even more twisted later—if a female player dies attempting the Underworld Cave quest, the system bot will simply announce that the player is dead, but if a male player dies, the system bot will announce: "Player XXX disappears forever in the deepest end of the Underworld....."

Those suggestive dot, dot, dots along with the fact that the Underworld

Demoness loves to find boy toys, it's pretty obvious what happened to those male players. Therefore, whenever a team is defeated, others can't help but make a few comments on the world channel.

"Sigh, another has been sucked out of his 'essence' by the Demoness."

"Brother XX, how does it feel to be a boy toy?"

In the beginning, some players couldn't stand having their names associated with the Underworld Demoness, so they argued that they died in the first couple of stages, but the reactions on the world channel were——

"Holy! The beginning stages? You were raped by other men?"

Or——

"You couldn't even defeat little Nie Xiao Qian? Are you still a man?"

In comparison, they're better off being a boy toy >\_<

Their party passes the first few stages smoothly, but Wei Wei still feels that it's taking too long to get through them. Since they're in the same team as RealWater and LittleRain, Wei Wei just wants to get this over with and leave with the Great Master; she doesn't want to waste time fighting the little bosses. However, LittleRainYaoYao is just too rotten at playing; she's always attracting the little bosses to chase after them, so they have no choice but to waste time fending them off.

After defeating the little bosses in the second last stage, StormGoddessNiNi stops in front of the warp hole to the final stage. She says hesitantly: "Who will take lead in the last stage?"

The leader should have been decided before even entering the cave, but StormGoddessNiNi was too afraid to ask. The previous stages weren't a problem because just having Wei Wei and NaiHe alone were enough to get by. But this won't do for the last stage; there needs to be a main leader when facing a tough opponent.

StormGoddessNiNi naturally believes that the leader should be ASmileNaiHe; she has long wanted to see the legendary number one expert's manner of planning strategies. But since RealWaterIsScentless and LittleRainYaoYao are

here, it's not as easy for her to make this suggestion.

Wei Wei knows that she's in a tough position. Just as she wanted to say that the highest level player should be the leader like usually, she sees that RealWaterIsScentless is actually on the same level as the Great Master. Wei Wei is in a little bit of shock. How did he climb back up so quickly? It's normal for others to catch up since she and the Great Master hasn't been online for a while, but to catch up this much? Did he play non-stop day and night without eating or drinking?

While she is feeling doubtful, NaiHe says: "It doesn't matter. This quest's difficulty is average."

Wei Wei wants to fall on her knees.

Oh Great Master, aren't you being too evil? Now that you say this, even if RealWater wants to lead the stage, he can't. Otherwise, it will appear as if he's picking up something that you threw out.

RealWater, LittleRain, and NiNi are all silent.....

for a long time.

Wei Wei: ".....Since the difficulty is average, I'll lead."

When Wei Wei used to partner with RealWater, she was the leader in quests most of the time. After she married NaiHe, she passed the task over to the Great Master. Now that she's picking it up again, she actually feels a bit unaccustomed to it.

Especially when there is a member in the party who can't keep up with everyone's pace.

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The Underworld Demoness is powerful and has many twisted skills:

"Yin-Yang Chaos" spell, doctors cannot use their abilities.

"Blow Deflection" spell, a certain proportion of your attack backfires at everyone in the team.

"Couple Feud" spell, an attack that only occurs when there are couples in the



party, and its effect is similar to the “blow deflection” spell.

“Collect from males to nourish females” spell is very twisted. A male player’s blood level will be decreased, which will then be multiplied and added to the Underworld Demoness.

To conclude, this boss is a big test for doctors. Due to this, the boss is not that difficult for ASmileNaiHe’s team; the Great Master is very strong at dodging attacks.

After battling to a certain point, the Demoness calls for her boy toys who ran away from their fights in previous stages; they start to group fight.

Wei Wei wants to get rid of one of the boy toys first because he has a very annoying skill called, “Divine Path at Turtle Speed,” which slows down attacks. Just as she changes her position, NaiHe reminds her.

[Party][ASmileNaiHe]: “Master.”

Wei Wei knows that he is telling her to fight the Underworld Demoness; leave the little boss immediately and focus on attacking the Demoness.

NaiHe quickly explains: “After defeating the quest, the rewards will be in the same ratio as the number of survivors.”

Wei Wei remembers now. When they were talking to Nie Xiao Qian, she did mention that it was the Underworld Demoness who ordered her to lure the boy toys to her. Since their mission is to save them, they obviously can’t kill them.

Wei Wei can’t help but feel embarrassed. She has been living off of him too much, causing her decision making skills to decrease~~ Wei Wei starts to think seriously while fighting the boss; between her and the Great Master, who is really living off of whom?

Of course, she doesn’t forget to lead the team.

[Party][ReedWeiWei]: “Archer”

Before Wei Wei finishes her sentence, the Underworld Demoness interrupts her with an attack. Although she hasn’t found an opening to type the remainder of her sentence, RealWaterIsScentless seems to have understood.

[Party][RealWaterIsScentless]: “OK.”

Wei Wei is a little surprised. She then sees RealWaterIsScentless take position and attack like how she had in mind.

[Party][StormGoddessNiNi]: “Haha, you guys collaborate quite well.”

StormGoddessNiNi sure is the queen at causing awkward silences. Every time she speaks, everyone stays silent. Thankfully, they’re almost done fighting the boss, so they can leave soon. But before they know it, they’re faced with a new situation. LittleRainYaoYao, who has locked focus on RealWaterIsScentless to help replenish his blood level, suddenly starts replenishing ASmileNaiHe’s blood level instead.

As the main doctor in the party, NaiHe has been the Underworld Demoness’s target of focus. Now that LittleRainYaoYao is replenishing his health, the Underworld Demoness shifts her hatred and charges towards her. LittleRainYaoYao obviously can’t compare to the Great Master’s dodging skills, so she dies after one attack.

RealWaterIsScentless also falls to his death for losing all his health and not getting replenishment.

Wei Wei is dumbstruck from the chain of events. She just can’t figure out why LittleRainYaoYao would replenish NaiHe’s blood level all of a sudden. Does she not even know how to lock her focus on RealWater?

Her fingers can’t help but slow down. If she sends out her big attack now, the Underworld Demoness will die immediately, but then RealWaterIsScentless and LittleRainYaoYao won’t have enough time to come back to life. Although Wei Wei doesn’t really care about whether they’re dead or not, she’s the leader nonetheless. If half of her team dies from this, it’ll seem like it’s a problem with her leadership skills.

Wei Wei feels a bit angry inside. Due to LittleRainYaoYao’s miraculous move, the Underworld Demoness earned time to heal herself.

Just as she is thinking of the next strategic move, she sees a dazzling move emit flashing lights. The musician stabs the Underworld Demoness with his ultimate killing attack emitting an elegant stream of light. At the same time, a pure white healing glow brings RealWaterIsScentless and LittleRainYaoYao back to life.

In the speed of lightning.

Time stops.

The Underworld Demoness collapses to the ground.

The white robed musician stands carrying his guqin; his clothes swaying in the breeze.

Everything happened too fast. In the midst of being dazed and confused, Wei Wei feels her heart stop. StormGoddessNiNi, who is usually talkative, also seems to be stupefied, but then she explodes.

[Private][StormGoddessNiNi]: “Oh my God, Wei Wei, your husband is too cool!”

[Private][StormGoddessNiNi]: “How did he do all this in such a short amount of time?!”

[Private][StormGoddessNiNi]: “He actually brought RealWater and YaoYao back to life. He has such a top expert demeanor, so benevolent and manly!”

Wei Wei’s hands pause on the keyboard; her heart shivers.

Executing an attack and bringing members back to life in lightning speed is close to being impossible and an extravagant miracle. The musician, who is usually calm and composed, suddenly looks as if he is shrouded in silent arrogance.

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A long, long time later, when Wei Wei remembers this, she asks the Great Master why he brought RealWater and LittleRainYaoYao back to life. After all, the Great Master doesn’t seem like a person who would repay evil with good (*idiom*).

Xiao Nai grumbles and says, “Don’t you think that it’s even more humiliating for them to be brought back to life by me?”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 31

## Part 31: Senior Beauty

[System Bot]: “StormGoddessNiNi, ASmileNaiHe, ReedWeiWei, RealWaterIsScentless, and LittleRainYaoYao root out the strong to help the weak by beheading the monsters and eliminating the demons. They have defeated the Underworld Demoness and saved the people. Their skills are matchless and amaze the world.

[World]:

[CaptainMo]: “Am I seeing things?”

[SCPanda]: “Oh my God, there’s a bug in the system!”

[YouYou...(leisurely)]: “I’ve been playing for so long, and this is the first time that I know of that the game allows repeats of the same name.”

[NotWearingUndiesIsVeryRefreshing]: “Holy! Old man here was only gone to wash his underpants, and he can’t even keep up with the times now after returning.”

[SCPanda]: “Shocking! Brother Refreshing, you actually have underpants?!”

[NotWearingUndiesIsVeryRefreshing]: “.....”

[MatchlesslyDumbSword]: “Honey (*wife*), let’s get back together. These people are even fighting a boss together now. Do we have any reason to not be together anymore?! Let’s reconcile, let’s reconcile. Honey (*wife*), I love you!”

[OnTheSoutheastBranch (*Hung self on tree branch in the southeast*)]: “The two of you...please take the flirting to a private room...so that those watching will not be embarrassed.”

[Party]:

[ReedWeiWei]: “NiNi, we’re leaving now. Message me if you need anything. You can message NaiHe if I’m not here.”

[StormGoddessNiNi]: “Ah!!! Can I?!!!”

[ASmileNaiHe]: “Yes.”

[ReedWeiWei]: “^\_^, we’re leaving now, 8 (*bye*)”

[StormGoddessNiNi]: “Wait, we haven’t divided up the dropped rewards yet.”

The atmosphere in the cave is weird, so Wei Wei doesn’t want to stay. She exits the quest with NaiHe without waiting for NiNi to distribute the dropped rewards. Looking at the quiet white robed musician beside her, Wei Wei asks: “What should we do next?”

“Hold on, phone call.”

Phone call?

Wei Wei suddenly suspects a possibility and can’t help but feel fascinated: “Uh, don’t tell me. Were you fighting the boss and talking on the phone at the same time?”

Wei Wei swears that she is only asking casually, but the Great Master responds with “Mm” like it’s a matter of fact. She feels completely powerless. It’s actually true.....

Wei Wei thinks for a long while, but just can’t imagine it: “.....how do you play with one hand?”

“.....headphones.”

Oh right, you can connect headphones to the cell phone. Wei Wei is speechless. She says quickly: “Go take your phone call then.”

Wei Wei isn’t planning to stay on for a long time, but the thought of “going offline” doesn’t appear in her head. Instead, the image of the Great Master taking a phone call calmly using his headphones appears. He’s even able to multitask and play so well while talking on the phone. In some aspects, the Great Master is so talented that it’s too good to be true!

Wei Wei falls into a daze. The heroine in red sits quietly beside the musician; her red clothes ripple in the breeze.

After a while, the white robed musician says: “Wei Wei, I need to go to

Shanghai tomorrow.”

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It's only 11am and cafeteria near the library already has a long line. Wei Wei and her roommates are at the end of the line. They sigh as they look at the crowd in front of them.

Er Xi, who's standing behind her, sniggers, “Hey, hey, hey, even if your (*family's*) Great Master isn't here, you don't need to feel down for having lunch with us, do you?”

Wei Wei has already heard them say things like this all morning during their self-studies. Therefore, she's already numb about it, and focuses on looking at what dishes are available at the cafeteria today.

Seeing how she has no reactions to her comment, Er Xi chuckles, “Wei Wei, what stage are you and the Great Master at?”

Wei Wei turns her head around speechlessly, “.....We've only met each other for a week, okay!?”

Si Si leans over and says, “You guys had already confirmed your relationship after meeting for two hours. At this pace, you guys could already have a child after a week who's old enough to go buy soy sauce (*go out*) on his/her own.”

“.....” Wei Wei, “Anyhow, there's nothing between us. The soy sauce store is nowhere in sight (*too soon to talk about a baby*), okay?”

Xiao Ling doesn't believe her, “Impossible. Does Great Master Xiao plan to [boil a frog](#) (*take it slow*)?”

Wei Wei >\_<, “You're a frog!”

It's making more and more sense to Xiao Ling, “That has to be it, I know I'm right. He starts off at high heat, and then cooks on low heat. He'll eat you, the frog, up sooner or later!”

Er Xi also ponders, “That makes sense. This must be the Great Master's tactic. He starts off the battle lightning fast, and now he's slowly infiltrating, hehhehhehheh.” She suddenly has a mischievous look on her face, “Wei Wei, when will you guys be on a [protracted battle](#)?”

Si Si supports, “Oh yeah, first it’s strong winds and squally showers, causing you to lose your sense of direction. And then it’s gentle winds and light showers, causing you to be confused and disoriented. What kind of rain will come next?”

Si Si thinks hard in her head, but for some reason, the following floats into Wei Wei’s mind— —

Wushan’s clouds and rain (*making love*).

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And then she is pompously dumbstruck.

Er Xi doesn’t give up, “Protracted battle, oh, protracted battle. It’s so long lasting.”

Before Wei Wei and the rest could understand the deeper meaning behind her words, a guy lining up behind them spurts out with a “pfft” sound.

Four pairs of eyes turn to look at him.

It is a tall guy, but has a baby-face with big eyes; looking like a middle school student. He has been following behind them sneakily, but since Er Xi and the others often see guys who want to approach but don’t dare to whenever they are with Wei Wei, they didn’t pay special attention to him.

His pale face suddenly blushes after being stared at by them. He ruffles his hair and says to Wei Wei embarrassingly, “Haha, third sister-in-law, I’m MoZhaHim.”

Wei Wei is puzzled.

MoZhaHim?! Hao Mei? The Great Master’s dorm mate?! The one she knows?! No way! Wei Wei stares at him with her eyes wide open. Does this mean that he heard everything that they were talking about just now?! Ah, ah, ah, that’s so embarrassing.

Furthermore.....

Wei Wei remembers MoZhaHim’s description of himself; he said he was darker than charcoal. But this fair looking guy in front of her right now.....

Wei Wei is mad.

Great, this fellow has never spoken the truth from the start. He even set her up



with false news just yesterday. With old and new grudges, Wei Wei smiles and says leisurely, “Oh, so it’s~~Se~ni~or~~~Beau~~~ty~~~”

Therefore.....

Under the surprised gazes of everybody, MoZhaHim’s delicate and fair baby-face becomes, completely, deformed.

A couple of minutes later, MoZhaHim gobbles down his vegetables in a corner of the cafeteria and texts someone angrily on his phone: “Your wife flirted with me.”

That certain someone quickly replies: “Be nicely flirted with. I don’t mind.”

MoZhaHim coughs up blood immediately.

It’s worth mentioning that these two who love driving people crazy without taking any consequences sure are connected by telepathy –

There hasn’t been any news of Xiao Nai all day. After Wei Wei returns from self-studying, she can’t resist logging into the game. Xiao Nai is obviously not on. Wei Wei goes to their home, rearranges some furniture, waters some flowers in the garden, and walks around.

YuGong and the others arrive online shortly. After Wei Wei meets up with YuGong and MonkeyWine to give them their spirit pets, she busies herself with completing quests while chatting at the same time.

YuGong: “Master Kang’s (糠) new instant noodles isn’t good.”

Wei Wei: “@\_@ even instant noodles have fake versions?”

MonkeyWing: “He’s an idiot, that’s why he’s eating Master ‘Kang’ (糠). The rest of us eat Master ‘Kong’ (康).”

YuGong: “Sigh, I’m no match to third brother, who’s got great wine in hand, and beautiful women surrounding him.”

Wei Wei: “.....”

MoZhaHim, who lost out to Wei Wei today, tries hard to sow dissension: “Third sister-in-law, don’t be mad, we’ll help you give him a good lesson when he comes back.”

Wei Wei: “>o<, I’m not mad, I’m very pleased.”

Wei Wei: “YuGong didn’t use the wrong idiom this time.”

YuGong scorns: “I didn’t use any idioms, okay?!”

Wei Wei: “We can’t set the standard too high on you. Any four character phrase can be considered as an idiom.....”

YuGong: “Actually, it’s because I had a bad psychological experience with idioms during my childhood.”

MonkeyWine: “Is there a difference between having a bad psychological experience and being psychopathic?”

YuGong ignores him and explains depressingly: “Everyone has heard of the idiom, [‘the foolish old man removes a mountain’](#) (*yugong yi shan*), right? It’s about an old man and his family digging through the mountains bit by bit every day.....”

Wei Wei quickly stops him from educating them on elementary school level literature: “We happen to know. No need to explain it.”

YuGong: “Oh, it’s good that you know. You know my name is Yu Ban Shan, right? So I always say the idiom as ‘yugong *ban shan*’ (*the foolish old man moves a mountain*). Because of this idiom, my teacher (*corporally*) punished me many times (flaming with anger).”

MonkeyWine: “.....how come your traumatic experience is even simpler than me releasing a fart?”

MoZhaHim: “.....I didn’t know brain damage could begin at such a young age.”

Wei Wei: “I’m very kind, I didn’t say anything.....”

Classmate YuGong goes to a corner to let himself rot in grief and indignation.

MoZhaHim doesn’t give up and asks Wei Wei: “Third sister-in-law, you’re so unconcerned about third brother going to Shanghai, a world of myriad temptations. And those cocktail parties come at full force.....”

Wei Wei: “Isn’t he there to help Feng Teng (*Soaring Wind*) upgrade their system?”

MoZhaHim says in shock: “Third sister-in-law, you know about it?!”

Of course she knows about it.

The Great Master’s flight was at 8:30am, but he still asked her to go eat breakfast with him at 7am. While eating, he advised her of his schedule and the number of days that he will be gone for.

And then he left unhurriedly.

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“Third sister-in-law, you only know one part of it, but not the other. They don’t need him to go personally for a system upgrade,” MonkeyWine says, “I heard that the boss at Feng Teng wanted to introduce a big client to third brother, therefore, he decided to go last minute.”

YuGong revives from the dead: “Hehheh, if we can get this project, third brother will have enough savings to get married.”

MoZhaHim supports him further while pretending to be surprised: “He needs that much to get married?!”

YuGong teases: “He’s marrying our department’s beauty.”

Wei Wei is on the verge of grinding her teeth, but then again, she has never been defeated by anyone else other than “the Great Master.” She sends a happy smiley over and says: “There’s no helping it. The Great Master doesn’t dream big, he doesn’t want to give his hand (*feminine use*) to a rich woman.”

YuGong: “.....”

A minute later, a certain someone at a cocktail party receives another complaint via text messaging: “Your wife bullied me.”

The corners of Xiao Nai’s mouth lifts up slightly as he seamlessly puts his phone back into this pocket.

It looks like someone is still having a great time while he’s away.

However, that someone who’s far away in City B quickly goes from extreme joy to sorrow. It is because of Er Xi suddenly screaming, “Oh my goodness, Wei Wei, hurry and come take a look at the school’s forum.”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 32

## Part 32: Rumors

The school forums have been extremely lively for quite a while, because of the Computer Science department's top-notch awesome person dating the department beauty situation. But after a few days, it has died down a bit since there hasn't been any more new gossip. But a new topic on Saturday night attracts the entire school's students' attention again.

The topic name is — Hot topic! The school's well-known talented girl challenges the rumored beauty!

Exciting! Today, I was inadvertently directed to the blog of a certain talented girl of our school and found a fresh new article! I was actually just casually reading it, but who knew that I would get excited over it. The more I read, the more excited I became, so I brought it over to share with everyone.

Blog URL: [www.xxxxx.blog.XXX.com.cn](http://www.xxxxx.blog.XXX.com.cn)

Just kidding. The full text has been copied here. Ha.

Then, the person who made the topic has copied the entire article and pasted it — the title being, “Who told you not to be a 34C”. The article is extremely long. The beginning starts with some insignificant things, and then it talks about the author of the blog drinking coffee together with her friends, yesterday afternoon. She mentions the style of the cafe casually, about how it is being renovated and stuff, before she gets to the part that the topic started had indicated.

Unintentionally, we started chatting about the sensational sex scandal in the past few days at school — I can't help but sob.

Person A sighs: It's clear that no matter how outstanding and refined a man is, what he falls in love with is forever that face of a woman's.

Lol.

But Person B refused to accept it and pointed towards Person C: Isn't Person C much prettier, she's genuinely talented and pretty, and knew him earlier.

Person C's looks are astonishing, and she is brilliant. It could be said that she was infatuated with Person Xiao (*aka Xiao Nai*). But today, since she had lost to the hands of someone else, she had such an indescribable depressed look on her.

Person A says: Person C is innocent and pure, her methods probably can't compare to the other one's.

I said laughing towards Person C: Hey, who told you not to be a 34C.

Following that is another bit of commentary completely implying that she has seen through the intelligence of men, but also seemed to be concealing a sense of sadness for herself.

The author of the blog is called LoveChanel, a celebrity at school and is a talented girl. Normally, she likes to write short articles on coffee, music, Chanel and other things of that type that are Western. It's said that she even has a special column in some well known fashion magazine.

The more Er Xi reads, the angrier she gets, "What talented girl? This is clearly a personal attack!"

Wei Wei doesn't make a sound, her fingers calmly pressing the mouse and dragging it downwards. It's already been awhile since the topic had been posted. There are many replies. There are actually many who second the opinion.

But this isn't a surprise either. Even though Wei Wei's grades are good, for someone who was born in an average family, she didn't have any particular talents. As a result, the impression that those in the Computer Science department have of her most likely stops at her gorgeous looks. Now that LoveChanel has said that about her, most people end up thinking that that is the case.

Of course, there are a number of people who think that LoveChanel is being very bored and with a sour heart. There are even more people who are trying to guess who Person C is. In order to do so, they have even started a special topic for guessing and betting. School beauty, Meng Yi Ran, is the one that's been mentioned the most.

Xiao Ling and Si Si are also filled with anger. Xiao Ling smiles coldly and says, "That type of woman probably thinks that all the men in the world should love her, that not loving her means they're shallow, perverted, and doesn't look on the inside."

Si Si produces her idea, "Let's post Wei Wei's grades up and shame them to death."

Only now does Wei Wei make a sound, "Why reply to the topic? For this kind of post, the person who's humiliated isn't me."

Without finishing the entire thread, Wei Wei clicks on the red x on the upper right. It's hard to avoid being angry, but seeing Er Xi, Xiao Ling and them feeling indignant at the injustice, Wei Wei becomes a bit calmer instead. There is no need to reply to the topic at all. After all, real life is different from online games. In games, one can throw things back without worry for the enjoyment of it. However, in real life, one must consider a lot more things, and then choose the most rational method. Even though not replying to the topic is a bit dejecting, it's always better than letting others watch in amusement at them going back and forth at each other.

But, that said, the reason Wei Wei's behavior is so calm is because what this thread is on is of no importance. If it had been on something that is over the line, then Wei Wei would have already stopped them. It's not like she's never done such things before.

As if nothing has happened, Wei Wei says goodbye to YuGong and the others, turns off her computer, and then gets up to go to the bathroom to wash up in preparation for sleep.

Er Xi chases after her and beats the door, "Wei Wei, you're really not angry?"

Putting down her face washing towel, Wei Wei looks at herself in the mirror without flickering her eyes, "Why should I be angry when they praise me for being beautiful, having talent and looks?"

Er Xi angrily says, "Wei Wei are your eyes blurry? When did they praise you for being beautiful, having talent and looks? They're clearly saying you don't have a brain, okay?"

“Body ‘talent’ is still talent.” Wei Wei opens the bathroom door, “And, as for brains, it takes one to know one.”

Er Xi doesn’t register it for a moment. By the time she understands, she can’t help but look at Wei Wei in admiration, “Wei Wei, you’re so malicious.”

This is nothing. Using YuGong’s words, it can’t hold a candle to the Great Master.

Wei Wei makes a face at her.

Er Xi’s anger dies down a bit. Once she’s no longer angry, her mind turns to another matter. Her eyes sweep across a certain part of Wei Wei’s body over and over again. Very vulgarly, Er Xi asks, “Wei Wei, are you really a 34C?”

That Saturday night, Er Xi is beat until the curtain drops.

The Great Master still hasn’t called, but Wei Wei isn’t disappointed. Before the Great Master left, he already said that he might not have time to call her on the first day.

On the second day, something Wei Wei didn’t expect happens — the blog situation escalates. The main reason is because the men of the Computer Science department were angered.

How can they not be angry?

There were already not enough to go around in the Computer Science department. Producing a school beauty is a rare occurrence. Plus, that beauty didn’t have an “extramarital affair” — choosing someone from within the Computer Science department itself. This isn’t an easy thing! Yet, she’s now being implied by people for having no brains?

You’re the braindead one. Your whole family is braindead.

The above is the inner voice of all the men in the Computer Science department.

As a result, LoveChanel’s blog is hacked. Incidentally, the list of (*merit*) scholarship winners of the school’s Computer Science department is posted onto it. And conveniently, the scholarship winners of the department LoveChanel is in is also posted. It just so happens that LoveChanel’s name is not on it.



With the two for comparison, there is ample mockery.

On Sunday night, Er Xi half-crouched in front of the computer, overwhelmed by emotions, “The boys in our department truly have a lot of love. Quite manly!”

Si Si is also half-crouched in front of the computer, “Wei Wei, did your (*family’s*) Great Master do this?”

Wei Wei shakes her head firmly, “Definitely not. He never does such direct things.”

Xiao Ling, “...Can you not say such things in a worshipping tone?”

Wei Wei hehe’s. Si Si remembers something and asks, “Oh yeah, what reaction did your (*family’s*) Great Master have to this?”

“Eh, I didn’t mention it.”

Xiao Ling is about to faint, “You talked to him on the phone for so long just now and you actually didn’t mention it?!”

She forgot about it as soon as she picked up the phone ( ͡ \_ ͡ ) .....Wei Wei is very innocent. Plus, the Great Master is very busy, alright?

Er Xi’s attention is still on the forum, “Wei Wei, do you know Cao Guang and Liang Qing Ying? Why would they help you? So strange.”

Cao Guang and Liang Qing Ying are the secondary reasons for the blog situation escalating.

There has never been a lack of talent or beauty at University A. LoveChanel is one, Cao Guan and Liang Qing Ying are also. If it isn’t for the awe-inspiring brilliance of Xiao Nai, these people would perhaps have been more well-known.

Cao Guan, the real talent of the Foreign Languages department, is well-known for his cynicism.

Liang Qing Ying, the rich talented girl of the Chinese Language department, is well known for her sharp words.

But these two people actually, by chance concur, and both posted in defense of Wei Wei.

The talented Cao Guan says, “Your sourness assails the nose. If you’re jealous,

then just say it straight out. Why are you growing poisonous mushrooms in the dark corner? Learn from this old fellow. This old fellow is, precisely, jealous of Xiao Nai. So what?!

And then, the talented girl didn't mention the post at all. She only talks about her own impression of Wei Wei — praising Wei Wei for being a rare, righteous, female student.

"I don't really know them too well." Wei Wei is also very surprised that these two people would come out and speak their thoughts. After all, it can't be said that she knows them well.

The reason she knows Cao Guan is because of an unhappy mishap.

The Foreign Language department talented classmate has always been cynical. One day, he saw a certain well-known beauty of the school get out of a limousine at the school gates. He immediately felt grieved over the corruption of the general society. Thus, he used his cellphone, that was on hand, to take a photo and posted on the school forum. However, he did have a bit of decorum and only posted half of the photo. That half contained the delicately long legs of the beauty in jeans, along with a certain famous brand's car plate.

As soon as this post was made, since the subject matter was quite sensitive and the talented male's writing was also sharp, it immediately became a hot topic. Wei Wei just fortunately happened to read it. As a result, as soon as she saw it, she immediately exploded.

Because the person in the photo was her.

At that time, she was still a freshman and hadn't been captivated by online games yet. During times when she had no classes, she would be a private tutor of a ten year old little boy. The little boy was from a single parent family and only had a mother who was a successful career woman. One day, the successful career mother conveniently dropped Wei Wei off at the school gates in her car.

Who knew that there would be such a random chance for it be actually exaggerated as a question of the manner of a University A's female student. Wei Wei was truly angered by such a thing. Since this situation was caused by some Cao named person, Wei Wei quickly figured out the real person behind the ID and went to stop up the person at the Foreign Language department the next

day.

As soon as Cao Guan saw Bei Wei Wei, he thought that she was there to beg him to take down the photo and immediately adopted a scornful expression, hurling out a, “What is it?”

Who would have thought that Wei Wei’s expression was even more scornful than his and hurls out even more violently, “Classmate, I am here to salvage your worldview.”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 33

## Part 33: The path only wide enough for one

Actually, in retrospect, Wei Wei also feels that her own line was very terrifying. But to pick a fight at the door, being imposing was very important. Well, afterwards, it was Wei Wei, using the excuse of being busy, asking Cao Guang to substitute for her and teach a session of basic English to the little boy.

With that, she didn't have to explain anything else; everything became completely clear.

Since the truth of these kinds of things can easily become distorted, Wei Wei didn't even tell those in her dorm room about it. The affair had happened so long ago that Wei Wei has pretty much almost forgotten all about it. She simply tells her dorm mates. Xiao Ling exclaims in admiration, "It's so like a drama. Did Cao Guang have feelings towards you? Why didn't you guys develop a relationship?"

"Intuition," Wei Wei says in contemplation, "Eh?! Perhaps I knew that there would be someone even better later on?"

Everyone is shocked.

Si Si asks, "Then why does the talented Liang girl also speak up for you?"

Wei Wei isn't too certain about it either, "This person, does she have a very pointy chin, is a bit shorter than me, and has curly waist-length hair?"

Wei Wei describes her based on the remnants of her impression of her.

Si Si nods, "That's right, that's her."

Wei Wei makes an "oh" sound and then her face has an awkward expression on it.

Er Xi shakes her, "Stop keeping us in suspense. Hurry and speak, how do you know her?"

Wei Wei says, "I...think I helped her bargain for a price."

Er Xi and the others all have on a choked up expression.

“A while before, I went to electronics mall to buy an internal (*computer*) memory card and she happened to be in that store buying one. That store owner saw that she didn’t know the ropes and actually took out a second-hand item to fool her. One look at the luster on that memory card and you could tell that it was an old one, okay? And the asking price was 50 dollars more expensive. I thought that I might have seen her on campus before. So knowing that she was also someone from our school, of course, I couldn’t let her be tricked.”

“...So you had to be righteous and help her?”

“Wei Wei nods and says proudly, “And then the two of us both bought them at manufacture price.”

Si Si is amazed, “You bargained that fiercely?”

“Hehe, I hinted to the boss that I might sue...”

Xiao Ling suddenly understands, “I finally know why she says you are righteous, turns out to be the righteousness of a thief.”

Wei Wei originally thought that this kind of gossip would die down by itself in two or three days. But, presently, it has become more evolved and more intense; inevitably, also becoming a bit annoying.

Wei Wei has an exam on Monday afternoon. Only after she finishes the exam and studies a bit before she goes back. When she gets back to the dorm room, seeing Er Xi’s strange expression again, Wei Wei’s intuitive reaction is, “The forum doesn’t have a new thread does it?”

Er Xi giggles, “No, no, Great Master Xiao just called looking for you. He’s back.”

Oh? He’s back early?

Wei Wei’s eyes brighten and opens her own bag, planning to take out her phone card to make a call. Er Xi blocks her and stutters, “Wei Wei, when I was speaking with Great Master Xiao on the phone just now, I accidentally said something that I’ve hidden deep in my heart.”

Wei Wei’s hands stop as she feels a sense of foreboding, “...What did you say?”

Er Xi swallows a bit before saying, “I asked him why he still hadn’t treated us to

a meal yet.”

“You, you, you...”

Wei Wei is so shocked by her that she is speechless.

“You’re too shameless!” Xiao Ling says for her, from the side, with a sense of disdain.

Quite embarrassed, Er Xi says, “What if there’s something even more shameless?”

Wei Wei takes a deep breath and increases her defenses against being shocked by a level, “...Say it.”

“I also said that, rather than troubling him for a date, tomorrow happens to not have exams, so he might as well treat us today.”

Wei Wei looks at her, remaining silent for a long time, “...Er Xi, you’re not afraid of getting diarrhea?”

At this time, the dorm room door is pushed open again. Si Si bursts in and raises the paper bag in her hands, “I did not disappoint on my mission. I bought it!”

Xiao Ling happily snatches the grab, “How much did you buy it for?”

“120. However, it’s not the one from last time. But I think this one is even better looking!”

Xiao Ling’s quick hands have already brought out the item in the bag. She shakes it out, looks it up and down and nods in approval, “Not bad, not bad, it’s more stylish and conservative than the other one. The conservative girl will like it.”

She turns towards Wei Wei, “Right?”

Wei Wei looks at the red dress in her hands and then looks at their expressions; getting strange, unsettling feelings, “Isn’t this...”

“That’s right!” Xiao Ling admits without the slightest hesitation, “It’s for you. We are not people who eat for free. Since the Great Master is treating us to dinner, we can’t return the favor, so we’re giving you this dress.”

Si Si follows her, “The last time Xiao Ling’s Da Zhong treated us to dinner, we also gave them couple’s pajamas.”

“You don’t need to mention such shocking things, okay?” Xiao Ling gives her a glare and then says to Wei Wei, “It’s the end of the term, even the landlord’s family has no more grains. This is money saved by us from only eating [hot pickled mustard tuber](#). So you have to wear it today!”

Speechlessly, Wei Wei looks around at them, silently takes out her calling card and dials a number. The phone only rings once before it is picked up.

“Wei Wei.”

She doesn’t know where he is picking the phone up from but there is a buzzing sound. Xiao Nai’s voice is a bit fuzzy, “I was just about to call you. There is traffic on the road, I’ll probably arrive at the school half an hour late.”

He’s still in the car?

“...When did you get back?”

“3:30.”

3:30? Then that means, the Great Master called her as soon as he got off the plane, and then was caught by Er Xi’s demand to be treated to a meal?

Wei Wei hesitates for a bit, “Then tonight, you don’t...”

“Wei Wei, you should remind me of these types of things earlier.” Xiao Nai interrupts her, his tone unexpectedly seeming a little reproachful. There seems to be someone speaking to him on the other end. Xiao Nai pauses for a moment and then says, “Alright, we’ll talk later. I’m hanging up now.”

She has actually...been rebuked? Blaming her for not telling him to treat her dormmates to a meal earlier?

Wei Wei holds the phone in a daze for awhile. When she turns around, she sees the dormmates with all eyes on her. “I want to eat. I want to eat. I want to eat, today” is clearly written on their faces. She then looks at the dress, sighs, and hold out her hand.

“Give me the dress.”

The new dress is really prettier than the one from the other time. The color is more beautiful, contrasting Wei Wei's white as jade skin color. An extremely moving sight. But it contains an unexpected elegance. Weaving this type of beauty and elegance together, it's dazzling to the point of being hair-raising.

Wei Wei quite likes this dress, but she is still confused before leaving. Why does she always wear new clothes to go see him...But this feeling of confusion is completely tossed aside when she walks out of the West gate and sees the person, in contemplation, standing by the car.

Wei Wei subconsciously walks a bit faster. But she only speeds up for a few steps before slowing down again.

The reason being that the person suddenly raises his head to look towards her. His expression pretty much goes from calmness to fierceness immediately; so concentrated that it nearly makes her cower.

When she actually walks near, Xiao Nai already has his usual expression on. The fiery passion seems to have been an illusion of Wei Wei's and has already disappeared.

Despite this, Wei Wei is still a bit absent-minded on the road. She only returns to her sense when she hears Er Xi saying that that they wanted to go to a certain restaurant.

"What place is that?"

"Hehe, a French restaurant. Its grand opening is today."

Wei Wei looks at her suspiciously. As far as French cuisine is concerned, Wei Wei dislikes it from her heart, mind, and soul. She recalls that it's the same with the other people of her dorm. How come they actually want to go eat that thing this time?"

"No way, I don't want to go."

"Let's go, let's go." Er Xi, unexpectedly, insists.

Xiao Ling and Si Si also chime in, "Let's change our tastes once in a while and go eat it."

"But..." Wei Wei still wants to oppose it.



Xiao Nai, who has been listening to them arguing without saying anything, smiles this time and says, “Wei Wei, let us hosts do what the guests want.”

Hosts do what the guests want...

Wei Wei is countered in a split second again >0<

5-6 o'clock is when City B has the most traffic. It took an entire hour of driving before getting to the restaurant Er Xi said. Because there isn't parking nearby, Xiao Nai drops them off at the door of the restaurant and drives off to find parking by himself.

As soon as she gets out of the car, Er Xi starts looking around and then, her eyes lands in a certain place. She quietly cries out, “Wow, they really came.”

Xiao Ling is also excited, “Wow, it's true. We didn't waste our money.”

Wei Wei looks suspiciously at them. Er Xi tugs on Wei Wei's hand and says quietly, “Wei Wei, look inside the restaurant, at the table to the most western side by the window.”

Wei Wei follows what she says and looks over, unexpectedly seeing a few familiar people. It looks like Meng Yi Ran? Right then, she is sitting together with a few dressed up and refined female students.

Er Xi says in a low voice, “That girl next to Meng Yi Ran is LoveChanel.”

Wei Wei looks at that girl in surprise. The people in the window have actually also noticed them and are looking towards her with surveying looks.

Wei Wei looks at the expressions of Er Xi, Xiao Ling and them, and everything is explained.

No wonder they wanted her to dress up nicely.

No wonder they had to come to this restaurant.

So it was like this.

Wei Wei lowers her voice, “How did you guys know that she would be eating here?”

Er Xi smiles sinisterly, “Actually, I wasn't sure. Before her blog got hacked, I visited her blog and saw that she said this restaurant was having its grand

opening today. So I thought that she probably was going to come and wanted to try and see.”

Wei Wei is speechless, “You want to fight with them?”

“Psh, there’s no need to fight with them. We’ve already won, alright?” Er Xi looks very pleasingly across the street, her face displaying a wily smile.

In response, Wei Wei turns her head around. Across the street, Xiao Nai is walking towards them just then. The evening lights shine on him, illuminating his entire body.

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## Part 34: The Truth

Wei Wei looks at him, unable to shift her gaze, and suddenly feels a bit of uneasiness.

She doesn't like this at all. It's as if he has become an object for fighting back and showing off; and also in a circumstance that he isn't even aware of.

Er Xi observes her expression and says nervously, "Wei Wei, you're not backing out last minute now, are you?!"

What do you mean backing out last minute? When did she ever say she wanted to fight?!

Wei Wei glares at her while feeling depressed inside. They're supposed to be going out for dinner, but with this going on, a simple dinner gathering has become complicated.

Forget it. She'll just pretend that those people are not there. They just happen to be eating at the same restaurant. With that in mind, Wei Wei reminds her roommates, "You guys better focus on eating and talk less."

She realizes that that isn't right since French cuisine is expensive, so she quickly adds, "Don't eat too much either!"

Xiao Nai hears Wei Wei talking harshly just as he is walking back. Seeing her natural expression of ferociousness, it's the first time that he experiences a kind of feeling of speechlessness.

Er Xi takes the opportunity to complain, "Senior Xiao, would you just look at your (*family's*) Wei Wei?"

Her words are too pleasing to the ear, making Xiao Nai's body and mind feel happy. He turns around to take a look at Er Xi, and officially remembers her. Agreeing with her words, he educates Wei Wei, "You shouldn't treat our guests this way."

Xiao Ling and the others chuckle.

Si Si also finds the nerve to say to Xiao Nai, “But Senior, now that Wei Wei has said this, we don’t even dare to order anymore.”

Xiao Nai smiles, “Don’t worry, my wallet is not yet in Wei Wei’s possession.”

Xiao Ling giggles, “We must take this chance to eat lots. If we wait any longer, Senior’s wallet will be in Wei Wei’s possession, and we won’t even get to eat preserved vegetables (*inexpensive food*) then!”

Wei Wei doesn’t interrupt them on their lively talk. She concentrates on looking at the person standing beside her.

His handsome and refined facial features carry a natural sense of arrogance and detachment. But it seems as if the distance between him and her roommates has disappeared. Wei Wei is not surprised one bit. This is how he is; with a little patience, he is always able to make others feel delighted.

Wei Wei didn’t notice it while they were in the car; he’s actually wearing a very formal white shirt, as if he has just come out from a business conference. It seems right. He asked them out for dinner right after arriving from his flight. He didn’t even have time to get changed.

For some reason, Wei Wei suddenly feels stuffed inside.

She doesn’t dare to guess what kind of feelings the Great Master had when driving everyone here, but he most likely thought that this was a normal dinner gathering. He definitely didn’t know that there was an ulterior motive.

The stuffiness is getting even worse.

They walk towards the restaurant as they speak, but Wei Wei stops her footsteps. Without much thought, she tugs on Xiao Nai’s sleeve.

“Don’t go in.”

Wei Wei feels relieved the moment she says it out loud. Like a swift breeze, all the troubling and depressing thoughts from the past few days and from seeing LoveChanel just now are gone.

That’s right. She just doesn’t want to go in. She doesn’t want to go have dinner for the sake of pride, or for the sake of provoking others. She just wants

to have dinner peacefully with her friends and him, whom she hasn't seen for a couple of days.

Er Xi, Xiao Ling, and Si Si look at each other and don't say anything. Wei Wei lifts her head and looks at Xiao Nai, "Let's go to another place. I don't like it here."

Xiao Nai's eyes flash slightly.

After a while.

He nods, "Okay, I'll drive the car over."

"Mm." Wei Wei feels kind of bad because the Great Master is so accommodating. She lowers her head, "Sorry for the trouble....."

"If you feel bad, come with me to get the car."

Eh? Wei Wei raises her head in surprise, and catches a glimpse of mischievousness in his gaze.

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".....you go and come back quickly."

Watching him walk away with a straight back, Wei Wei turns to Er Xi and the others, "You guys won't blame me, will you?"

Si Si shakes her head, "Nah, if you don't want to eat here, let's not. You're not even blaming us for planning this behind your back. We've shown ourselves in front of them anyway. I'm already satisfied, haha."

Er Xi feels a little disappointed, "Wei Wei, you don't really need to mind them."

"It's not that I mind," Wei Wei says seriously, "If this was a boiling fish in fiery sauce restaurant, I would have eaten here. Even if there were ten LoveChanel's inside, I would have still gone in. But this is a French restaurant. You guys don't even like it, and I don't like it either, so why should we make ourselves eat something that we don't like just to provoke others?"

It's totally not worth it. They might even have indigestion from it, and more importantly, they would also be offering up the Great Master's handsomeness!!!

It's a money losing game.

Er Xi wails, “Alright, I get it.”

Wei Wei is pleased.

“You just want to have boiling fish in fiery sauce.”

Wei Wei, “.....”

Wei Wei, “That’s basically right.....”

Xiao Ling makes her last attempt, “Aw, it’s such a waste to give up halfway and leave now.”

“Going too far is as bad as not going far enough (*idiom*). This is enough. Getting things done outside is way better than fighting inside. Furthermore, oh, Xiao Ling.....”

A pair of eyes has been staring at her for a long time now. Wei Wei lifts her eyes and gazes directly back at them. She says calmly and confidently, “The best way to deal with an enemy in disguise is to not even give her the chance to fight.”

On the way to the boiling fish place, Er Xi declares that she will eat enough boiling fish for it to cost just as much as eating French cuisine. The fact that boiling fish are delicious at a low price while French cuisines are very expensive in comparison, Wei Wei didn’t think that Er Xi’s declaration would come true.

However.....

They actually ate seven [catties](#) of boiling fish.

Seven catties!.....

Wei Wei is astonished looking at the super big empty bowl with only a couple of bean sprouts left. Xiao Nai is rather calm and composed. Wei Wei makes an attempt to save her roommates from losing their image completely, and says while feeling embarrassed, “Actually.....We don’t usually eat this much. The most we eat is four to five catties.....”

Xiao Nai nods apathetically and raises his hand to call the waiter, “Menu please.”

Wei Wei is speechless. >o<

Oh, Great Master, are you feeding pigs here?.....

After dinner, Xiao Nai drives them back to school. When they pass by a supermarket near the school, Xiao Ling asks to stop the car, “Er Xi, Si Si, and I need to get some things at the supermarket. Senior, you and Wei Wei can head back first.”

Xiao Nai says, “We’ll wait here for you guys.”

“It’s okay, we’ll ride a bus back,” Xiao Ling quickly turns down his offer.

Yeah right, they also have principles too, okay?! After eating and drinking for free, there’s no way that they’ll be the third wheels! They’ll be struck by lightning for hindering a couple from having time alone.

Her roommates snicker as they get out of the car. Wei Wei leans forward subconsciously and shifts her body slightly towards the outside. Not that she has the intention to get out of the car, but for some reason, her body seems to be acting out of habit and moving like it wants to get off.

On the very next second, someone grabs her wrist firmly and presses it on the soft passenger seat.

Wei Wei turns around in surprise, but can only see him bidding Xiao Ling and the others goodbye. His expression is so natural as if he isn’t pressing her down with so much force.

Xiao Ling and the others walk away while laughing cheerfully. Her wrist is still being grasped by someone. Wei Wei feels a little mad, “Hey.”

Xiao Nai smiles slightly, lets go, and starts driving again as if nothing happened. After a while, Xiao Nai stops at a red light, and asks softly while looking straight, “Tell me, what happened?”

Wei Wei reacts out of reflex, “Ah?”

“At the French restaurant,” Xiao Nai reminds her, “Why did you want to leave suddenly?”

“Oh~”

“Stop playing dumb. You’ve never been a petulant person. What happened exactly?”

>o< Should I applaud him for his compliments?.....

Wei Wei says honestly, "There was someone I dislike inside."

"Hm? Who?"

Wei Wei suddenly realizes that the person in front of her is the actual culprit of causing her being scolded at. He's nothing but trouble!

Therefore, she says annoyingly, "It wasn't anyone. She was probably the one who wanted to hand you a flyer but couldn't."

He suddenly slams on the brakes and makes a wide turn into a small alley. Xiao Nai stops the car, turns to look at her with eyes carrying a faint smile.

"Wei Wei."

Wei Wei is a bit frightened from his suddenly move, "What are you doing?"

"Nothing, I just feel it's rare to see you like this, so," he rests his elbow on the steering wheel while stroking his chin with his slender fingers. Xiao Nai eyes sparkles, "I just wanted to stop and take a good look."

Wei Wei glares at him while her face slowly turns red. She feels as if she is going to die from anger >o<

Although her face turning red makes her look pretty, seeing how she is really mad, Xiao Nai refrains himself and says seriously, "What did that flyer girl wanted to do?"

Wei Wei calms herself and decides not to be bothered by him. After a moment of thought, she tells him everything from start to finish, but of course, she skips over the details such as measurements like 34C ==

Xiao Nai's face turns colder and colder as he listens. The intimate atmosphere in the car from just a moment ago is now completely gone. Wei Wei notices the change in mood and stops talking.

Xiao Nai says expressionlessly, "Continue."

"That's about it. They were eating at the restaurant just now. Er Xi knew that they would be there, so that was why she wanted to go."

"Name."



Wei Wei answers each of his questions, “LoveChanel.”

“There were four of them, who are the others?”

“.....As for the others, I’m not too sure,” Wei Wei just doesn’t want to talk bad behind others, “It’s okay. You can go look them up online, but don’t say anything, just let them be.”

Many people have already started taking her side, and LoveChanel has been humiliated enough.

Let them be? Xiao Nai says coldly, “I’m afraid I don’t have the tolerance.”

The Great Master.....seems to be angry for real. Wei Wei on the other hand, doesn’t feel much about it since it has been a couple of days already.

“I’ve already gotten used to hearing these things since I was young. I used to take them as a form of motivation, but later, they’re not even worthy of becoming a source of motivation.” With her eyes shining with confidence, Wei Wei looks at him and says sincerely, “Right now, my source of motivation is——”  
you.

The time stops.

Her pair of eyes continue looking him; brilliant and gleaming with captivating luminosity. Xiao Nai can’t think of any words to describe her beauty at this moment. He wants to cover her eyes so that maybe, his heart will not beat so wildly.

Wei Wei feels like she’s suffocating.

They were clearly talking about something normal just a second ago, but how did they get into this atmosphere.....

Wei Wei tries hard to shift her gaze towards the window. She clears her throat and says as naturally as she could, “You shouldn’t continue to park your car here, it’ll impede traffic.”

As a family member of the faculty, Xiao Nai is allowed to drive his car into the school, but driving it all the way to the girls’ dormitory seems inappropriate. Therefore, he parks it underneath his building, and then walks Wei Wei back to the dorm.

The school has always been the liveliest at 8 to 9pm, but due to the exam period, it's rather quiet. They walk side by side on the path through the garden where there is no one. A blanket of stars shine above them as science student, Wei Wei, calculates in her head.....

They take a long route; it's three-hundred meters.....

They take another long route; it's another five-hundred meters.....

Altogether, it's eight-hundred meters. Mm, if they take a few more alternative routes, she should be able to burn off those boiling fish.

Xiao Nai says casually, "Come eat dinner with my dorm mates after your exams."

"Ah?" pulled back from her simple addition, Wei Wei nods, "Okay."

"You don't want to?" he sounds a bit forced.

"Yes, I do. It's just that....."

Wei Wei answers him, but suddenly feels a tint of unrealism.

She has always felt that she and the Great Master are in the "ready to be in a relationship" stage, but with all the things that her roommates have done, it feels as if their relationship has been confirmed >\_< It feels so unreal.

Furthermore, she has to go have dinner with his dorm mates.....

And, he's Xiao Nai.....

The unreal feeling that is brought by the name has been shrouding her all this while.

"Hm?"

"It's just that, it feels a bit unreal."

Xiao Nai stops his footsteps and turns around to look at her.

Wei Wei also stops.

Wei Wei is then pulled into his embrace without any warning. The fresh scent of a man suddenly permeates all of her senses. His arms wrap around her making her unable to move. Her head is buried in his chest; she can't see anything, but

can hear him say into her ears:

“I didn’t want to do this so quickly,” he says with a cold and deep voice, sounding even more mesmerizing. He asks, “Does it feel real now?”

It seems like everything is silent, but it also seems like everything is in an uproar. At this moment, the time in the universe has stopped. In his embrace, Wei Wei can only hear his heart beating.

What is real, feels even more surreal, but what does it matter? Even if all of this is unreal, it is the most realistic kind of unreal.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 35

## Part 35: Making up for the dowry

The buzz of the forum topic gradually fades from everyone's scrutiny after the last two gossip items.

First gossip item.

It is said that on a certain day, a certain male student ran into the rumored male lead at the bottom of the dorm building. Being so excited, he tried to get to the bottom of the matter, braving the risk to his life, "What are your thoughts about the topic on the forum?"

It is said that Xiao Nai glanced at him and dropped these words, "It's better to have, than not have."

When you first hear these words, they seem like nothing, but if you carefully think about it, it was both brilliant and vicious. Brilliant, in that he easily cleared up the rumors about him and Bei Wei Wei. As for vicious, there's no need to say anymore; especially towards a female, the more you think about it, the more malicious it was, oh malicious...

Thus, everyone's attention was shifted, in succession, they all went to research how LoveChanel and Person C "does not have *(it)*."

There was even someone who analyzed their character from their reactions to the event. The verdict — after all, the reason LoveChanel attacked Bei Wei Wei was because she herself didn't have it.

It can be said that to a certain degree, he uncovered the truth.

After Er Xi heard about these rumors, her main focus was actually not the same as everyone else. What she was baffled by was, "Wei Wei, how does your *(family's)* Great Master know what you 'have'? Can it be that he's hugged you before?"

Wei Wei, "..."

Er Xi, you actually uncovered the truth too...

Second gossip item.

It is said that one day, Xiao Nai and Cao Guan met on the court.

It is said that Cao Guan took the initiative to provoke him, “Some say those who lose on the love court will win on the ball court. How about we test it out?”

It is said that Xiao Nai had an indifferent expression but replied with fierce words, “I don’t mind making you a bit more disappointed.”

It is said that after N rounds, Cao Guan was, unfortunately, a bit more disappointed.

Wei Wei has always been skeptical about the authenticity of these rumors because the Great Master has never brought it up in front of her before and she can’t really take the initiative and ask.

It wasn’t until a day way in the future when the two saw Cao Guan from far away, Xiao Nai suddenly laughed and said towards Wei Wei, “Since you were young?”

After Wei Wei stared blankly for a bit, she immediately replied in a solemn manner, “No, he only just passed me a flyer before.”

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The last few days of Wei Wei’s sophomore year, both hurriedly and unhurriedly pass like this. After her last exam, as soon as Wei Wei walks out of the exam, she sees Xiao Nai waiting outside.

It seems like he has already been waiting for a long time. Xiao Nai is sitting under the shade of the tree on a bench with his head lowered, reading a book.

Wei Wei runs over, a slight bit of sweat forms on her forehead, “When did you come?”

Xiao Nai closes the book, raises his head, “Just arrived.”

Wei Wei doesn’t really believe him, but didn’t question him further, “After the exam, we had a class meeting about summer internships. I sent you a text with Xiao Ling’s cellphone.”

Xiao Nai smiles but doesn't say anything.

Speaking of this, Wei Wei's mood starts declining.

It is almost summer vacation.

Originally, it should be a very happy thing, but the coming of summer vacation this year seems to make her particularly unhappy. Wei Wei swings the bag in her hands, "Let's go, first to the library."

After returning the reference books she used for exams, Wei Wei takes out a few more books on programming — preparing to study them over summer break. With Xiao Nai there, of course, it only takes half the time to choose the books.

"This edition isn't good." Xiao Nai extracts two books from her hands and places them back on the shelf, "I'll bring some for you from home tomorrow."

"Oh." Wei Wei nods, "I want introductory level, not too hard."

For the most part, sophomore classes were all core curriculum classes. The actual classes for the major start junior year. The Great Master better not help her choose books based on his level.

"Don't worry, I can give you long distance guidance." Xiao Nai says without thinking as he skims the shelves, helping her choose books.

Wei Wei puts a book back on tiptoes and discovers that her gloomy mood has pretty much become better.

Sigh~~~

The up and down swings of her mood are really annoying.

When they walk out of the library, Xiao Nai's cellphone rings. Xiao Nai picks it up. After a few things are said from the other end, Xiao Nai says, "I got it, we'll head over immediately."

And then he looks at Wei Wei, "MonkeyWine is waiting for us at the restaurant."

Only then does Wei Wei remember that today is the formal dinner with the Great Master's dorm mates.

Tian Xian (*Heavenly Fragrance*) Restaurant has already been chosen as the location.

The place was chosen by MonkeyWine. Since Xiao Nai has clearly shown that they can take advantage of him for this, they were, of course, going to help themselves. But then again, to male students, it doesn't really make a difference what they eat — as long as there's enough beer.

There are a total of six people in Xiao Nai's dorm room. Oldest brother, third brother, fourth to seventh brother. Because second brother can easily cause people to associate it with a certain wicked part of the body (*aka little brother*), no one wanted to take that post. Oldest brother and seventh brother don't play online games so Wei Wei doesn't know them. But they are both very easy to get along with and she quickly becomes familiar with everyone.

Besides MonkeyWine, who has stayed at school for graduate school, the others are already working. As for why they are still squatting in the dorm room, it's of course because they want to take the most advantage of the school's limits. In any case, they work near the school and it's the most convenient.

Since it's her first time attending this type of get together, Wei Wei sits next to Xiao Nai, feeling a bit embarrassed. But there are YuGong and the others here, so for Wei Wei to maintain that type of embarrassed feeling is truly very hard.

After the alcohol has been passed around a bit, the men start talking a lot more and become gossipy.

Oldest brother says, "Little (*younger junior female*) classmate, this is actually the first time our (*family's*) third brother has dated someone; the first time he's held a girl's hand. You must treat him well. It's not easy for someone in our Computer Science Department to find a wife."

Wei Wei nods with much respect towards him, thinking to herself, "It doesn't seem like it is your (*family's*) third brother's first time holding a girl's hand at all."

MoZhaHim's gossip has it's own personal style.

"Third sister-in-law, I didn't lie to you last time. It's true. Someone really did confess to third brother."

"She said that was to perform together, but who knows what she was

planning.”

“It was that Meng, Meng...”

“She gave third brother another call yesterday!”

Since he drank, MoZhaHim’s speech is disorderly and intermittent. But it doesn’t stop her from understanding it. Wei Wei opens her eyes wide, waiting for his next sentence...

However...

He skews his head and then collapses.

Seventh brother comments on the side, “Not bad, he drank a full bottle this time before collapsing.”

Wei Wei is frustrated! You can’t just start a gossip and leave it half hanging!

She turns her head to look at the person involved. Xiao Nai has also drunk quite a bit, but his expression is as usual and is completely sober. Facing Wei Wei’s inquiring eyes, he slowly and calmly says, “She said that there was something she needed to explain to me.”

Could it have been the thing regarding LoveChanel? But why would she explain to the Great Master...

“And then?”

“That’s it.”

Eyewitness number one, MonkeyWine, moves in closer and says, “Third sister-in-law, third brother is too formidable.”

Eyewitness number two, YuGong nods, “Too vicious, too vicious, dispatching the opponent with one phrase.”

Oldest brother grieves and laments, “How can you be like that to a female student? It’s not easy for our Computer Science department majors to receive calls from female students.”

Seventh brother corrects him, “Hasn’t third brother always been like this?”

MoZhaHim snores in approval.



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Wei Wei is shedding tears on the side. They've been long-windedly speaking for so long. What did the Great Master actually say ahhhhhhhhh!

YuGong asks, "Third sister-in-law, guess what third brother said?"

Wei Wei thinks deeply for quite a while about the Great Master's style in the past and says, uncertainly, "Eh, asked her...Who are you?"

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There is a period of speechlessness.

MonkeyWine, who was sitting next to Wei Wei, shifts back a bit in respect.

The snoring noises of MoZhaHim tactfully becomes quieter.

Holding his wine cup, Xiao Nai smiles slightly.

Wei Wei looks at their "you're too cruel" expressions and feels extremely wronged. Isn't this a normal reply? Who doesn't ask the other person who she is if he's unfamiliar with her!?

"Speaking of which, then that Person C is school beauty Meng?"

"Most likely."

Seventh brother says, "Third brother, you should hack that Love-something-nel's computer. It's the end of the term, her thesis must be on the computer. If you hack it, hehe..."

Wei Wei is speechless and remembers YuGong and the others' tradition of [hacking into someone's computer and selling his wife](#). They are indeed of the same dorm room with such identical styles.

Xiao Nai looks askance at him, "One must conduct oneself with style."

Seventh brother becomes angry, "What do you mean by that!"

MonkeyWine hurriedly strikes while the iron is hot, "He's saying you have no integrity."

Seventh brother becomes gloomy, "Then you're just going to let the forum

thing go like that?”

YuGong sneers at him, “It’s not like you’ve known third brother for just one or two days. How can you still not understand his character?”

Seventh brother slurs as he asks, “What character?”

YuGong, “He’s often not human.”

Xiao Nai sighs and lowers his head to explain to Wei Wei, “They’ve drunk to much.”

Wei Wei nods, continuing to show respect. Inside though: Actually, that’s what I think too....

Eating together with this group of people is really a very happy thing. It’s just that it is quite exhausting to stifle her laughter. Furthermore, from the way the Great Master and his dorm mates interact, Wei Wei seems to have come to understand him a bit more. No wonder the Great Master is popular with the male students; it’s not unreasonable.

The topic of the forum didn’t continue and they had pretty much drunk enough beers, everyone starts wiping out the dishes. After they start eating, they find that there’s actually not enough dishes. MonkeyWine reproaches oldest brother who was in charge of ordering dishes, “Why did you order so little?”

Oldest brother feels wronged, “It’s not easy for us Computer Science department majors to eat together with females. We must maintain our image.”

“Third sister-in-law isn’t a female. She’s so valiant in the game that everyone thinks she’s a crossplayer. Plus, females are actual resources that we can fight for. Third sister-in-law is with third brother now, she’s neither male nor female now. What image nonsense are you trying to keep!” YuGong calls over the waiter, “We’re adding dishes! Beef and tripe spicy soup, boiled beef in fiery sauce, fried shrimp in hot and spicy sauce, and then a fish head with chili pepper, and diced chicken with chilies; It needs to be spicy, the spicier the better!”

Oldest brother stops him, “Don’t just order spicy things, third brother won’t be able to eat it.”

YuGong mutters, “He’s treating us. Who cares if he can eat it or not. I want spicy.”

The last three words are said towards the waiter.

As Wei Wei tries to record down in her own little notebook in her brain what YuGong orders, she can’t help but look surprised at Xiao Nai.

The Great Master can’t eat spicy food?

That’s impossible! He clearly ate the boiled fish in fiery sauce enthusiastically the other day and didn’t even wrinkle his eyebrows once!

“You...”

Xiao Nai, very calmly shakes his head, “I can’t.”

Wei Wei stares blankly.

After dinner, MoZhaHim is resurrected by MonkeyWine and the others violently shaking him. Everyone discusses what to do next. YuGong and them all don’t like to sing karaoke, so they find a quiet club and start playing snooker (*similar to pool/billiards*).

Wei Wei has never played this before, but she masters it as soon as Xiao Nai teaches her. Her posture is extremely up to standards. While her aim still needs some control, she has clearly gotten the knack of it.

As a result, oldest brother and seventh brother’s admiration of Wei Wei rises sharply, “Skills are skills, she has potential.” Oldest brother pats Xiao Nai on the shoulder, “When we play again, in the future, remember to bring brother’s wife.”

Xiao Nai looks at Wei Wei’s perfect posture and discovers he has been careless; making a great miscalculation. In his mind, he crosses oldest brother’s suggestion out over and over again — I definitely won’t bring her!

But placing a table at home is not a bad idea.

The group is still not satisfied after playing until 10, but it can’t be helped. Even though Wei Wei has finished exams, there’s still a curfew at the dorm. She can’t not go back. Xiao Nai takes her back to the entrance of her dorm building right before the curfew time.

Taking her hand out of Xiao Nai's hand, Wei Wei doesn't immediately head up. There are still quite a few more minutes. Plus, she still has something to ask.

"If you can't eat spicy food, when we went to eat boiled fish in fiery sauce, why didn't you say something?"

Just thinking about it makes her vexed. It seems that everything that was ordered that day was spicy. The fish was even made to be the spiciest it could be.

Xiao Nai says nonchalantly, "It doesn't matter. I can vary it based on the person."

Wei Wei is still vexed, "So what if you can't eat spicy food? You don't have to accommodate me like that."

Taking the bag from his hand that is filled with quite a few thick books, Wei Wei remembers even more.

"You don't actually have to help me do so much."

Wei Wei says lightly.

She never thought that, one day, this person would help her line up to get food, help her carry her hot water thermos, wait for her after class, buy snacks... all these things were not suited for him to do.

Even though she likes it.

But to have her accept it makes her uneasy.

In the quiet summer night, only the slight rustling of the leaves is heard as the wind passes through.

"Wei Wei,"

Xiao Nai suddenly calls out her name and looks at her; his expression with unprecedented seriousness, "This is the first time I've dated a girl. I often don't know what to do. But, at the very least, I also want to do the things that other people do."

Wei Wei looks at him — dumbfounded.

The vast sky is filled with bright stars. The lamp light is shining. But at this very moment, she can only see stars in his eyes.

Can it be that the other people that he is referring to are the male students of their school who, since there are more males than females in the school and they can't find girlfriends, will prudently worship their girlfriends once they are lucky to find one?

So, the Great Master's goal is to be the 24-hr obedient specialty boyfriend of University A?

Wei Wei purses her lips and, without knowing why, suddenly wants to slightly smile. But the rims of her eyes actually become a bit warm. To cover it up, she lowers her head and Wei Wei says to herself, "Hey, don't be so emotional."

The tranquillity of the summer night quietly fills the air.

Only until the older lady guarding the gate starts calling out does Wei Wei lift her head up, "Go onto the game when you get back."

Wei Wei says, "I have something to give you."

Wei Wei flies upstairs, turns on her computer and logs into the game. She had already finished making the equipment item yesterday. Originally, she was worried about giving it to him, but, now, she actually really wants to give it to him.

The heroine in red stands on top of Sunset Summit waiting for ten minutes. The white-robed musician appears and the heroine gives him the equipment.

"For you." She types out a smiley face and the heroine in red courageously says, "I said before, I will make up for the dowry."

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 36

## Part 36: Bon voyage

It is silent at the top Sunset Summit for a period of time.

The white-robed musician who normally has accurate and fast APM (*actions per minute*) doesn't actually click on accept until after a few seconds.

Category: Hairpin

Name: FaWei (*lit. hair Wei*) (named by creator, can be edited)

Item Class: Rare Mortal Item

Level Requirement: 90

Stats: +15% Musical Skill, +12% MP (*Mana*) Regen Speed, +38 Speed, +1000 HP (*Health*)

Durability: 500/500

Profession: Musician

Creator: ReedWeiWei

"Actually, besides the four spirit animals, I also got two types of rare materials from Feng Teng last time — White Jade of [Tianshan](#) and Fire Quencher of the Ninth Heaven (*highest in Buddhism.*) I made this from those along with some things I collected before."

"The hairpin that you had is one of the best, but I wanted to see if I could make one even better."

She really did end up making one that was extremely valuable.

In "Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes," the high level equipment offered by the System Bot are called Divine Immortal Weapons, while the ones that are made by players themselves are called Mortal Weapons. But that doesn't mean that the stats on a Mortal Weapon can't surpass Immortal Weapons. The hairpin

Wei Wei made is one of those that have better stats than general Immortal Weapons. However, it's extremely difficult for a player to create a Rare Mortal Weapon; besides requiring precious materials and the player having high stats, it's also based on probability.

“^\_^, my luck's not bad, right?”

Wei Wei nervously types over. There's a lot more things she wants to say now. It's as if the more she talks, the less she feels pressured. But as embarrassed as she is, if she had to do it again, she would still say those words again.

Her fingers pause as the white-robed musician says, “It's me with the good luck.”

Wei Wei's face becomes scalding hot. Maybe it's just her with ulterior thoughts, but it seems like those extremely ordinary words of his seems to hold a deeper meaning.

“...eh, we are both lucky then.” What is she saying...

As if he can feel her embarrassment through the computer, Xiao Nai slightly smiles, “What does FaWei mean?”

“It means hairpin (*Fa Zan*) by Wei Wei.” Wei Wei, being a sciences student without a single romantic brain cell, feels that this is very easily understood, “If you don't like it, you can change it. I don't have a literary brain.”

“No need to change it. I really like it.”

[Tying hair \(\*the knot\*\)](#) with Wei.

Why wouldn't he like it?

“Oh.”

Wei Wei answers without figuring out the “deeper meaning” to it. After uttering a sound, she wants to run away, “I'll head off now. I'm tired from all the playing today and want to sleep early.”

The white-robed musician doesn't try to stop her, “All right, thank you for your hard work, my wife.”

“.....”

This person...seems to always say things with double meanings. She doesn't know whether he's saying that she's been hard working from playing or from making the equipment. Awkwardly, Wei Wei leaves behind a string of dot dot dots and quickly disconnects.

The red figure disappears from the cliff. The seconds tick by. Only after quite a few minutes do the slender fingers on the laptop gently tap on the right mouse button to put on the new hairpin.

The white jade hairpin trickling with light, shines with translucence/sparkles and shines clearly on his pitch black hair. Xiao Nai gazes at it, mesmerized.

He suddenly really wants to see her.

At this moment, her eyebrows would be slightly raised, her eyes will be brighter than normal; she would pretend to be completely indifferent despite clearly being very embarrassed; and she would have a slight young and innocent look; she would definitely be incomparably beautiful.

"You haven't wasted all that time on reading the proverbs' dictionary." His fingers move away from the laptop. After taking one more glance at the scene in the game, Xiao Nai closes his laptop and throws it on the bed, "Play mahjong?"

The door of the dorm room is violently kicked open with a bang, breaking the bewildered looks of those in the room. After this, YuGong's surprised loud voice is heard, "No way. Third brother, with such a beautiful scenery underneath the moonlight accompanied by such a flower, how come you got back earlier than us!"

Wow!

After his bewildered cries, YuGong rushes over to drag out the mahjong from underneath the bed, "What's wrong with you? You actually want to play mahjong?"

"Nothing," Xiao Nai says matter-of-factly, "I'm in a good mood and want to let it out a bit."

"Hoho, let me first say that I've recently been having good luck and getting good hands. You better pay up when the time comes." YuGong dumps out the mahjong tiles with a crash.



Xiao Nai sits down by the table without comment.

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An hour later.

Xiao Nai pushes the tiles in front of him down, "Same suit, consecutive chain. You better pay up."

YuGong is brimming with tears.

MonkeyWine pats him sympathetically, "So sad, I didn't think that third brother treating guests today has become you paying the bill in the end."

"Who said I'm paying the bill? The night is still young." YuGong pats down on the table, "Again! I'm going to turn this around."

The night is indeed young.

This night is a night forever engraved in their memory, the last night for the seniors at this school. The younger classmen have just been freed from exams and the entire school is stirring restlessly with happiness. The lights of many dorm rooms stay on for the entire night.

However, the night still passes in the end and the next morning arrives. Classmate YuGong has still not turned things around and sadly steps into the workforce with a couple hundred dollars of debt on his shoulders.

As for Wei Wei, she also leaves City B at dusk to go home for summer vacation.

"Wei Wei, your train ticket is so early."

Xiao Ling and Er Xi carry Wei Wei's luggage together to walk with Wei Wei downstairs.

"That's right."

Replying absentmindedly, Wei Wei looks down from the window in the staircase. Between the trees, she can see that Xiao Nai's car is already waiting downstairs.

Xiao Ling also sticks out her head and giggles happily, "It is nice having a boyfriend whose parents are professors. His car can be driven in the school.

Otherwise, you'd have to ride the bus to the school gates. So inconvenient."

"Otherwise, how can he be called the ever capable Great Master? But, Wei Wei," Er Xi says, "you're leaving so early. Your (*family's*) Great Master isn't upset about it?"

He shouldn't be upset...right?

In the car, Wei Wei secretly observes him. No matter how you look at him, the Great Master looks concentrated on driving. The side profile of his refreshing and handsome face doesn't have any expression on it, but he obviously doesn't look happy either.

Embarrassed, Wei Wei offers up the little plastic bag she has been holding in her hands the entire time; inside is a small cactus in a pot, "This is for you."

Xiao Nai glances at it, "New dowry?"

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As expected, the Great Master isn't going to let the word dowry go. He was probably too late about expressing it yesterday. "It's the cactus that I've been growing. I can't take care of it over summer vacation, so I wanted to give it to you to take care of."

"Oh," Xiao Nai quietly says, "so that I will think of you whenever I see it?"

Hey, don't make this awkward!

She knows that only telling him during lunch that she was leaving that night was a bit abrupt, but it's not her fault either. Wei Wei whispers, "I didn't purposely book it this early. When the school booked tickets as a group, I didn't know you then."

Facing the facts, Xiao Nai doesn't have anything to say about it either.

When they get to North Station, Xiao Nai goes to buy a platform ticket. Wei Wei follows him. When Xiao Nai takes the change and ticket from the counter, Wei Wei suddenly leans over to ask the ticket seller, "Are there still tickets to go to City W for tomorrow or the day after?"

The ticket seller doesn't even check before saying, "No, all tickets in the next five days are gone."

It is the expected response, but the Great Master's sudden expression when looking at her makes her feel depressed.

Eventually, there is a trace of a smile at the corners of Xiao Nai's lips. He pulls her out of the crowd, takes out his cellphone, and starts dialing.

"How's a plane ticket for the day after tomorrow?"

Wei Wei is startled for a bit before understanding what he means. She quickly stops him, "There's no need."

Even if it's just one more day, she still has to leave in the end. Asking earlier was just an impulsive move. Now that she's calmed down, she feels that it's improper. Wei Wei says with her head hanging, "I already told my dad that I'll be home tomorrow morning."

With the mood a bit down, she watches him put the cellphone back into his pocket, depressed.

But...

"Forget it."

He sighs, pulls her hand and walks towards the waiting hall. Xiao Nai compromises, "Give me a call immediately once you get home."

Wei Wei relaxes and quickly nods.

"Buy a cellphone soon."

She continues to nod and makes a solemn vow, "I'll buy one as soon as I get home."

Wei Wei suddenly recalls the talk last night with her dorm mates. Er Xi asked why the Great Master didn't buy a cellphone for her. At the time, how did she reply — the Great Master wouldn't do such inappropriate things.

Her heart suddenly feels a kind of happiness from having connected minds.

Xiao Nai goes with her onto the train. Just as he puts the luggage in place, the conductor makes a reminder that the train is leaving soon.

"You should go quickly." Wei Wei doesn't know what to say at this time either and only knows to urge him, "remember to take care of the cactus."

Actually, the cactus would be all right even if it isn't watered for a few months. But when she was packing up last night, the first thing that flashed through her mind was to give it to the Great Master. The first reason is that she had noticed that the Great Master's office didn't even have a pot of cactus to absorb the radiation. However, the deeper meaning was something that she didn't even dig into. The general idea was probably those words.

Seeing an object makes one miss its owner. (*idiom*)

Summer vacation is two months.

"Place it next to your computer in your office when you go back..."

It's best if you look at it every day.

Xiao Nai raises his eyebrows.

So, she's going to continuously talk about her cactus before she leaves? If he lets her leave just like this, he will be quite a failure.

A light and graceful kiss.

Another kiss, controlled yet with a hint of repressed emotions, softly lands on her eyelids.

With much reluctance, he pulls away. Xiao Nai gazes into her eyes.

"Wei Wei, have a good trip."

Wei Wei does indeed have a "good trip (*go with the wind*)" home.

Because she goes home floating (*light headed*) >o<

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 37

## Part 37: Flowers Blooming

The heatwave in City B has gone on for a few days now. Even when it's nighttime, the temperature does not go down a degree.

The conference finally ends at 6pm. YuGong follows Xiao Nai to the office, wanting to tag along for dinner. After taking a seat on the sofa leisurely, YuGong asks frivolously, "Hey, so you and our department's beauty are just going to live in two different cities?"

Xiao Nai walks behind to his desk, leans over slightly, and starts typing on his keyboard, "Our relationship is not to that degree yet. It's unjustified. What do you want me to do?"

Would you listen to that?!

Those words! That tone!

It's finally your turn to be in pain!

YuGong is elated and can't suppress the joyous feeling, but he carefully restrains himself from revealing it. The fellow in front of him is too smart, and he still owes him a couple hundred bucks.

"Sigh, this is quite depressing." YuGong shows his sympathy. Just as he is about to say "let us two unfortunate people have dinner together," he sees Xiao Nai shut down his computer and looking like he is about to leave. YuGong suddenly panics.

"You're leaving so soon today?"

"Mm."

"Where are you going?"

"Getting married and having kids."

At the same time in City W, there is a rainstorm happening. In the study room

of a luxurious house, Wei Wei is tutoring a little boy on a middle school problem.

“Draw a line to connect the corners first, then one here. Now we can write the equations.....and then we can substitute it into the formula.....solve it like this.....got it?”

The little boy shakes his head almost in tears. He looks at Wei Wei in confusion.

“Eh, it’s okay. Let’s go over it again.”

When Wei Wei returned home last week, before she even had spent enough time catching up with her parents, her dad sent her off to tutor his factory’s boss’s son. At the same time, her dad dismissed her desire to get a new cell phone, saying that she could buy one after she made enough money from tutoring.

Wei Wei can’t help but feel sour in her heart from just thinking about it. If she knew that this would happen, she wouldn’t have given all her scholarship money to them. Good thing that this kid is not naughty and difficult to teach.

After explaining things in another way, the little boy understands it. She explains two other questions to him and the rain finally stops. Wei Wei bids goodbye and leaves.

The sun peeks over the clouds after the rainstorm, but its shining power has been greatly reduced. The air carries the cool and refreshing scent from after the rain. In the cool night breeze, Wei Wei rides on her bike wearing a green straw hat. She passes through the windy streets and hurries home.

There is something very important to do today.

It’s almost 7pm after she finishes eating dinner and washing the dishes. Wei Wei says goodnight to her mom and dad and heads to her bedroom. She puts on her earphones, opens the computer, and logs into the game. The Great Master is already online.

Wei Wei adjusts the microphone, “How long have you been online? It was raining hard today, so I got home late.”

Wei Wei is using voice chat.

Back when she was in the dorm, they only typed messages to each other as she

didn't want to disturb her roommates. Now that she is home, it's better to use whichever is more convenient; there's a living room between hers and her parents' bedroom, so nothing can be heard after she closes her door.

Xiao Nai replies, "I just got on."

"Oh, should we go get married now?"

What Wei Wei means is obviously not for them to get married, but for their spiritual tigers.

Besides doing chores, Wei Wei has been leveling-up her pet. Although pets can get married at level 30, the pets' characteristics and skills may impact the quality of their next generation. Therefore, Wei Wei has been leveling-up her pet until it reached its max level before letting it marry the Great Master's little kitten.

Pets getting married are very simple; they just need to receive a blessing from the God of the Beasts. However, the wedding night is rather troublesome.

First, they need a bridechamber.

Pets also have dignity; there's no way that they would mate in broad daylight, therefore, players must build them a bridechamber in their home. Wei Wei and Xiao Nai have been splitting up the tasks; Wei Wei works on leveling up her pet while Xiao Nai buys bricks to build the bridechamber.

Besides that, it has to be nighttime after 8pm.

As mentioned before, pets also have dignity; they will not indulge in lascivious acts in daytime. Everything must be done secretly at night.

As long as these two criteria are satisfied, alright, they can begin their wedding night.

Wei Wei and NaiHe bring their pets together to get married. Once it's 8pm, they send them to their bridechamber.

According to what other players have said on the forum, the scene of their pets' wedding night is very perverted. The house will shake continuously with pink hearts floating above it.

But Wei Wei is not lucky enough to see it because just when they send their pets off to the bridechamber, the system alerts her—

“Sorry, your pet has not been born for more than 150 hours. It is considered a minor. Therefore, it cannot proceed with XXX.”

Can this game be more twisted? It’s already at a level for getting married, yet it can’t proceed with the wedding night? The system shows its shameless act again!

Wei Wei gapes with her eyes wide open for a bit, and then asks Xiao Nai, “Dream Voyage 2 won’t be this twisted, right?”

“No.”

Xiao Nai denies right away. After a few seconds, he says slowly, “With this level.....”

Wei Wei can only keep silent.

Continue to be silent.

Wei Wei hears familiar footsteps coming toward her door, so she says, “My mom is coming,” and quickly pulls her earphones off and pretends to be browsing on the internet.

Mrs. Bei gives a few knocks on the door and enters. Her hands are held high as she goes straight to Wei Wei’s face; she rubs her face while saying, “There are so many things for girls to learn, why learn computers? I heard that if you look at computers too much, your face will become square shaped. Radiation is also bad for your skin, so you should put more moisturizers on before going on the web.....”

Wei Wei has long gotten used to this, so she lets her mom rub and pinch her face all she likes. She only argues back, “Then you shouldn’t let me wash the dishes. The dishwashing soap is not good for the skin.”

Mrs. Bei says, “Why don’t you wash the vegetables then?”

The Bei Family divides up their tasks very clearly when it comes to dinner. Wei Wei’s mom washes the vegetables, her dad is the cook, and Wei Wei washes the dishes. Wei Wei really hates washing the dishes, but washing vegetables.....

It’s better to wash dishes.

Mrs. Bei overrules her daughter’s unreasonable request and feels satisfied. She



leaves after helping Wei Wei put on some night cream. And the moment the door closes, Wei Wei shouts, “Mom, you should watch less TV. TV is also square shaped.”

Wei Wei puts her earphones back on. The Great Master is quiet on the other end. Wei Wei asks, “What are you doing?”

“Studying a dishwashing machine.”

“.....”

Xiao Nai clarifies, “I don’t like washing dishes either.”

“.....You eavesdropped on us.”

“Mm, I don’t mind listening openly.”

Wei Wei clears her throat, “.....If the buds of revolution is exposed too early, it will be destroyed.”

Wei Wei has not told her parents about Xiao Nai. Putting aside the fact that her dad opposes her being in a relationship while she is in university, her mom loves to get to the bottom of everything and flaunts to others. If she tells them, all her relatives will know that she has a boyfriend within two to three days.

Xiao Nai corrects her, “Wei Wei, buds rely on photosynthesis. It’s bean sprouts that don’t need sunlight.”

.....Dry. The Great Master sure is the Great Master. Even his lame jokes are on a Godly level. It gives people goosebumps even on a summer day like this.

“You sure you didn’t turn on the air conditioner?”

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Okay, hers are just as lame.....

Wei Wei quits chatting with him, “I’ll bring my tiger to increase its play time. You can go busy yourself with other things.”

“Mm.”

This is how they’ve been these days; they wear their earphones and talk when they want to, or continue with what they’re doing when they don’t talk. He’s always coding his programs on his end, while Wei Wei either levels-up her pet,

watches movies, or reads the programming books that she brought back.

They sometimes don't say a word for half an hour, but it never feels awkward.

Er Xi despises their way of communication, saying that it's such a bore that they're still stuck with online gaming. She believes that they should at least go on a trip together to a place with beautiful sceneries or something.

Wei Wei doesn't feel the same way; what's wrong with online gaming? There are mountains, rivers, and the Great Master too. It's clearly very beautiful and heavenly like.

And it saves long distance calling fees >o<

Listening to the Great Master's rhythmic sound of typing, Wei Wei walks her tiger around in the game to gain its play time.

Speaking of the Great Master, it's not easy for him. He often has to code or work on the project's planning until very late at night. If they would just follow the market's trend in making the game, it would be a lot simpler, and they wouldn't need an expert like Xiao Nai to do hands on stuff for it. He would only need to split up and delegate the tasks to others. But if the goal is to be innovative, he will definitely need to spend a lot of effort in producing a new engine and write the main infrastructure of the program.

Perhaps, a genius will always have to work harder than normal people.

After playing the game for a while, Mr. Bei, the glutton, calls Wei Wei to come out to eat some wontons that he cooked. Her mom watches bitterly as she eats until her stomach is full and then returns to her room. She praises her dad's cooking skill in front of the Great Master and then asks what Xiao Nai had for dinner.

The Great Master answers, "I forgot, but I'm a bit hungry now."

Just as Wei Wei is going to tell him to go grab some food, she remembers that the Great Master's parents are on some trip to excavate historical remains; so he's alone at home.

Wei Wei thinks for a moment, opens a crack on her door to take a peek to confirm that there's no one in the living room, and then quietly moves over to

grab the phone and dials long distance. She sneaks back afterwards and asks Xiao Nai, “You have change, right?”

The keyboard tapping doesn’t stop as he continues working while chatting with her, “Hm?”

“Nothing.”

Thirty minutes later, Xiao Nai says, “Someone is knocking, let me go see.”

Wei Wei smiles.

Another ten minutes later, she hears him picking up the earphones.

“You called take out?”

“Yeah, the beef rice at this place is not bad,” Wei Wei says in satisfaction, “How come you were gone for so long?”

“I didn’t have change, so I had to ask next door.”

Wei Wei ::sweats::

Xiao Nai laughs, “You know who’s my next door neighbour?”

“.....It can’t be the principal, right?”

“It’s the dean of our department.”

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Their on and off random chatting continues until 11pm. Wei Wei’s mom, who finishes watching TV, hurries her to bed. But she can’t seem to fall asleep, so she gets up.

In the quiet night and under the sea of stars, Wei Wei rests her arms on the window-sill and hums a melody while gazing at the moon.

It’s the most ordinary day in the midst of summer, but she can feel happiness even from minor and usual things.

At the end of the month, daddy Great Master and mommy Wei Wei finally welcome a newborn cub. However, the cub’s quality is poor and its characteristics are extremely bad. Although coupling spiritual pets does not

necessarily reproduce a spiritual pet, the level that this one is at is beyond bad. This must be what it means when things reach an extreme, they can only move in the opposite direction (*idiom*).

Many players throw away garbage cubs reproduced by their pets, but Wei Wei can't bear to do that. She finds elixirs to help improve the cub's characteristics a bit.

Wei Wei completes tutoring for a month after a couple of days. Wei Wei, who has become tanned from running to and from her student's place, receives a paycheck of 2000 RMB; she quickly buys a new cell phone with it.

Wei Wei is very efficient in buying a cell phone.

No need to choose the brand, she'll just buy the same as the Great Master.

No need to choose the model, she'll just get the same as his.

As for color, the Great Master's is white, so she'll get a pink one.

Mm, she is definitely not trying to get couple cell phones! It's just that.....she trusts the Great Master's taste, that's all ^\_^

On her way home, Wei Wei keeps thinking of what to text the Great Master; it'll be her first text message on the cell phone, so it has to be meaningful.

An idea springs into Wei Wei's mind when she arrives home, so she sends the following message:

"It's the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's Gui corporation. To express our gratitude, we have held a drawing. Your number has been picked for third prize, which is a laptop. After you've deposit \$1000 for taxes and administration fees, we will deliver the prize to you via expedited mail."

Every time Er Xi receives one of these ridiculous text messages, she always has to recite it to everyone at the dorm. After listening to so many of them, Wei Wei doesn't even need to think before typing one. For the sake of authenticity, Wei Wei flips out her bank card and copies her account number exactly to the text.

After finishing typing the text and admiring her work, Wei Wei sends it out proudly. Hehheh, the Great Master will definitely think that it's a spam message and delete it. She'll tell him later at night that it was her who sent it; it'll

definitely be fun to hear his reaction.

Since it's obvious that no one would reply to these types of messages, Wei Wei goes to eat dinner after sending it. While eating, she thinks about how she will blame him for deleting her message— —you actually didn't reply and deleted my message!

Wei Wei feels joyful just from thinking about it.

Unexpectedly, her cell phone's message alert suddenly sounds. She hasn't even told anyone about her new number yet, who would send her a message? Wei Wei takes a look curiously.

Sender: 777795559

What's this?

Clicks open.

"Hello Bei Wei Wei! Xiao Nai has transferred \$1000 into your account with the last four digits: XXXX, via online banking."

Wei Wei is dumbstruck.

Disregarding her parents' strange gazes, Wei Wei grabs her phone and goes hide in her room to make a call. The call is answered quickly. Wei Wei says first thing, "Why did you actually transfer money? It was fake."

Wei Wei is really embarrassed.

Xiao Nai chuckles and says softly, "I know it was your prank."

Wei Wei shivers in her heart and doesn't know what to say. After a long while, she asks, "How did you know that it was me?"

"I checked where the number was from. It was from the same city as you."

Oh.....

"Do you check the location every time you get a fraud message?"

Great Master, what kind of habit is this?

"No, it's just that the account number you provided looked familiar, so I decided to check. Wei Wei, your pranking technique is not up to par. You didn't

even provide the name for the transfer.”

Xiao Nai still has the heart to point out her mistakes.

Wei Wei is speechless. So it turns out that was the loophole, but she has only used the card once at school to withdraw money; she has only taken it out once in front of him, yet he has already remembered it?

She’s really defeated by him!

“Go buy a plane ticket.”

“You knew it was me and you still transferred the money……”

Wei Wei is stunned.

On the other end of the phone in City B, Xiao Nai leans on the back of his chair at his office. His eyes rest on a pot of cactus blooming with flowers; looking at the yellow flower petals, Xiao Nai’s gaze becomes gentle.

“Wei Wei, [the flowers are blooming](#), will you come back now?” (*you have been home long enough, it’s time to come back.*)

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 38

## Part 38: Time to return little by little

The flowers are blooming, it is time to return little by little. (*ref: Emperor Qian Liu quote in letter to wife*)

Translated into vernacular language — My wife, you've been back at your parents' home long enough, you should return.

Therefore, 7 days later, using an internship as the reason, Wei Wei sets out onto the return path.

Her new “Verses of the Past Dynasties Dictionary” is laid out open on the small tray table; the plane jolts slightly; Wei Wei's head is lowered reading the book, but the light smile on her lips and the long duration since she's flipped a page tells those next to her that she's already been spaced out for a long time.

“Attention, ladies and gentlemen, the plane is about to descend. Please stow away tray table and fasten your seatbelt.”

“Attention, ladies and gentlemen...”

The flight attendants repeatedly remind the passengers to pay attention to safety procedures. Wei Wei returns to reality and stows away her things. After ten or so minutes, the plane smoothly lands at Beijing airport. After rejecting the offer of a male with a car, on the same flight as her, Wei Wei drags her suitcase and quickly gets onto the airport bus heading in University A's direction.

She didn't tell the Great Master that she is coming back today, wanting to give him a surprise. But, perhaps it might scare him?

In any case, as long as it'll alarm him, that'll be good. >o<

Thinking about the reaction that Xiao Nai might have, Wei Wei spaces out again on the bus.

The bus drives for half an hour before reaching the terminal station. She

transfers buses and by the time she reaches Zhi Yi Technology, it's nearly already 1PM.

Probably due to it being a weekend, there aren't many people walking around in the building and it seems a bit empty. But, even the elevator needing to take a break seems a bit excessive.

Wei Wei looks at the "Under Maintenance" sign in front of the elevator and then helplessly drags her suitcase to start climbing stairs.

Good thing the Great Master's company is only on the sixth floor; climbing some floors can be considered good for the health. >0<

It's not really a pleasant thing to carry a heavy suitcase up the stairs in the middle of summer. But the strange thing is, Wei Wei doesn't feel depressed at all.

Because the suitcase is too heavy, it takes Wei Wei around 10 minutes to climb up the six flights of stairs. And then, when she gets to the doors of Zhi Yi Technology, she hears a "ding" sound. The elevator doors next to her actually opens and a woman and two men step out from the elevator...

The elevator...

Is actually fixed?

Wiping her sweat, Wei Wei has a sudden impulse to want to charge over and kick it a few times.

At this time, the glass doors of Zhi Yi Technology is opened and a tall man walks out with a large square face, wearing a yellow t-shirt. It is YuGong.

No matter when it is, beautiful people will always attract the eye the most. As soon as YuGong walks out, the first thing he sees isn't the woman and two men standing in front of them, but Bei Wei Wei, who is standing to the side.

YuGong pretty much suspects that there's something wrong with his eyes and seizes Wei Wei up with large surprised eyes.

Wei Wei is actually even more surprised than him and awkwardly raises her hand slightly as a greeting.

YuGong opens his mouth, but no sound comes out. At least he hasn't



forgotten his actual business and removes his eyesight from Wei Wei. He walks forward a few steps and shakes hands with the woman who walked out of the elevator, "Director Fang, welcome. Thank you for making a trip over on such a hot day. I am Xiao Yu, haha."

The lady called "Director Fang" is around twenty-eight, wearing a striped shirt and a skirt with a golden belt. Her whole outfit has a unique fashion sense to it. She smiles and shakes hands with YuGong, "Hello."

"Chief Xiao was originally going to come welcome you himself, but unfortunately, he's on the phone right now."

"We're the ones at fault for coming at this time," Director Fang says with a sharp smile, "it's because the music for the scene was completed today and we were hurried to have you guys listen to it. Your Chief Xiao is an expert in this respect and we would like his pointers on it."

Wei Wei listens to their courteous greetings on the side and the more she hears, the more she wants to cry out in despair.

What's with this? Didn't the Great Master say that he was going to be the only one at the office today? That's why she dared to come straight to the company. What is with this right now? Not only is YuGong here, these people also seem to be here to seek out the Great Master...

She might as well sneak out right now and contact the Great Master at night.

Wei Wei has yet to put her plan into action...

"Is this also an employee of your company?" Director Fang's eyes fall on Wei Wei with a questioning expression.

YuGong strokes his chin and says, "Haha, this is a family member (*wife and children*) of an employee of our company."

A few pairs of eyes simultaneously look over at Wei Wei for a moment.

Under the scrutiny of many.

With her suitcase in hand, Wei Wei suddenly feels like it's as if she's been caught in the act of eloping.

"Welcome in, welcome in, everyone please come inside." YuGong pulls open

the glass door and waves Director Fang and the others in, and then waves towards Wei Wei.

Wei Wei becomes sullen and follows with her suitcase.

Zhi Yi Company is still the same as the last time Wei Wei came with not a soul inside. According to the Great Master, the employees of Zhi Yi have already worked overtime for two straight weeks. Some even slept at the company at night. Therefore, now that this stage of the project has been finished, he forced them to take the days off.

But why isn't YuGong on vacation...

As he welcomes the guests, YuGong doesn't forget to gossip. He silently falls behind a few steps and says with a chuckle, "Third sister-in-law, are you eloping right now?"

"This is called eloping?" Wei Wei retorts in anger, "I'm clearly performing this in public."

YuGong is delighted and says mysteriously, "Well, don't you just have the perfect timing? You've sure given us a great surprise."

Wei Wei doesn't understand and looks at him suspiciously. Yu Gong is about to say something else, when Wei Wei's eyes suddenly look towards another direction.

By the offices, a tall handsome figure is currently walking towards them.

His movements are graceful as he cuts through the cubicles and is in front of them in the blink of an eye. Director Fang steps forward, sticks out her hand, "Chief Xiao."

Xiao Nai changes his line of sight and shakes her hand, saying in a refined and courteous manner, "Director Fang, sorry for being busy."

"Of course not, we're the ones intruding."

Xiao Nai smiles slightly and then says a few more polite words, and looks towards YuGong. YuGong understands and immediately calls out to Director Fang and the others, "Director Fang, this way please. The stereos in our conference rooms are the best. Why don't we head to the conference room to

listen to the result.”

YuGong leads the people towards the conference rooms. Xiao Nai takes the suitcase in Wei Wei’s hands and serenely says, “Follow me.”

Simply...

Didn’t alarm him.

With her elopement becoming a public performance, Wei Wei’s enthusiasm has already suffered a blow. Now, with Xiao Nai’s completely normal expression, she starts feeling a bit depressed. The tiny drums that were beating inside of her are also slowly put away. With this type of feeling spreading, Wei Wei notices, sensitively, that Xiao Nai’s pace at this moment is a lot faster than usual.

Is it so that he can quickly settle her down somewhere so that he can go greet the guests?

Even though this will be the most efficient...at least he should welcome her. Even just saying it will be good. T\_T

With bitterness inside, Wei Wei follows behind Xiao Nai. Xiao Nai opens the door to his office and turns slightly to his side to let her in first.

Wei Wei calmly walks in.

“Click.”

The sound of the door closing emits from behind her.

Wei Wei subconsciously turns her head around. She feels her waist tighten. Like a branding iron, a scorching palm grabs onto her firmly. A passionate breath presses close to her from behind. And then, somehow her body is turned and Wei Wei is pressed against the door.

The suitcase falls next to her legs with a “bang.”

Xiao Nai stoops down, his long legs drawing near, and lowers his head pressing down ferociously on her lips.

Wei Wei’s brain is also thrown into disarray with a “click.”

At first it is only her lips being drawn in, but gradually, it isn’t enough to satisfy the other person and he starts invading. Since she is completely unprepared, Wei

Wei's jaw doesn't guard against it at all and is easily pried open, allowing him to go straight in. His warm lips and tongue besieges the grounds without control, sweeping back and forth, over and over again, recklessly and wildly in her mouth.

With his tongue entering, their entire bodies are pretty much completely stuck tightly together. But the person pressing down on her seems like he doesn't think it's enough, and presses closer to her even more. With the cold door at her back and every part of her touching him burning in the front, Wei Wei is caught between an iceberg and a sea of wildfire with no where to escape.

"Ah..."

Wei Wei is almost out of breath. She wants to push him away a bit but to no avail. Instead it becomes even more forceful. Wei Wei becomes a bit faint, dizzily feeling like her waist is about to snap.

His fragrance seems to pass through her mouth to her entire body, depleting her of all her strength.

After who knows how long, she seems to hear the sound of a door knock in the midst of all the chaos, and dimly hears someone say, "Chief Xiao, it's probably not good to let them wait for too long in the conference room."

...

Is that wily voice, YuGong?

A trace of clear headed thought sweeps through Wei Wei's mind. Thinking about how someone is standing just outside these thin doors immediate makes her bashful and uneasy. She subconsciously withdraws and evades him. But the person on her seems to want to punish her for being distracted and approaches even more fiercely.

The person outside seems to have walked away.

As she is feeling like she can no longer take it anymore, the violent shower suddenly stops. But he doesn't leave, his lips and tongue still staying in place, gently licking the territory that he had just pillaged...

He finally completely lets go of her after a long time.

Wei Wei is given the opportunity to gasp for breath, but her brain is still unable

to think. His hands slightly loosens their grasp on her. Her legs actually weaken and she nearly falls over. Impulsively, her hands actually, immediately grabs onto his lean and sturdy waist.

Ah!

When Wei Wei realizes what she has done, she feels completely ashamed and tries to explain as a reflex, “The plane, the plane’s food was really bad...”

Halfway through her speech, Wei Wei promptly steps on the breaks. Fortunately, her head clears at the right moment and she doesn’t finish what she was saying. If she continued and said that she doesn’t have energy because she didn’t eat enough, even if the Great Master doesn’t laugh at her, she will still hang herself.

With no strength left in her body, her voice is extremely soft. It seems like Xiao Nai didn’t even hear the first half. his scorching breath lingers on her neck without moving.

After a moment, he finally pushes back a little; his deep gleaming eyes gaze at her closely as he grasps her hand and kisses it, “Wait for me here.”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 39

## Part 39: I'm too embarrassed >0<

He fixes his shirt and goes outside.

The door closes. Wei Wei doesn't even have the strength to go back and sit on the sofa; she slides down with her back against the door and sits on the floor. With her arms wrapped around her legs, her ears and face are red as she feels restless yet vexed and annoyed at the same time.....

It's a long while later when Wei Wei finally regains her strength and clears her mind from all the mixed emotions.

Wei Wei gets up in a second. After all, how can she just squat here waiting for him? That's too absurd! No way! It's best to hurry and run away.

But when she makes her way to the office's entrance, she stops.

What would it mean if she runs off like this? It's, it's actually quite normal, isn't it? She had imagined it happening long ago, hasn't she?.....

It just happened too suddenly so she wasn't prepared and acted like an idiot ==

If she runs off like this, would it make her seem more idiotic and that she's making a big deal out of it?.....

Wei Wei stands at the entrance thinking in her head. Her head is about to explode from trying to decide whether she should leave or not.

While she is in the dilemma, a beef on rice meal saves her.

The elevator doors open on the sound of a "ding." A young man wearing a baseball cap walks out holding a plastic bag. He looks around and stops in front of Wei Wei.

"You are Miss Bei?"

Wei Wei nods while feeling a little startled.

“Hi, here is your beef on rice delivery, thank you. It’ll be fifteen RMB,” the baseball cap lad hands over the plastic bag.

Beef on rice.....

She doesn’t need to think to know who ordered it; he clearly heard her. Wei Wei takes the plastic bag from him. She feels powerless with her face and ears red once again.

The baseball cap lad waits for Wei Wei to pay him. She reaches into her pocket and gives him a hundred dollar bill.

The baseball cap lad doesn’t accept it and says hesitantly, “You don’t have change?”

Wei Wei shakes her head; she had used all of her change to pay for her ride here.

“Could you...ask someone to lend you some? I don’t have change to give back to you.”

Borrow from someone.....from the Great Master? The moment this thought appears, Wei Wei feels defeated. But an idea quickly springs into her mind; Wei Wei’s eyes sparkle as she says to the baseball cap lad excitedly, “How about this, I’ll go to your restaurant to pay you.”

“Would this be.....too much trouble?”

“It’s okay, it’s okay.”

Wei Wei answers, feeling that it’s a great idea. She walks into the elevator while pulling her suitcase; she turns around after a few steps.

“Please wait, I’m going to leave a message first.”

She walks back into the office with her suitcase again.

The baseball cap lad watches her go back; he opens his mouth wanting to tell her “it’s okay to put it on the tab,” but he swallows the words down his throat.

When Xiao Nai returns to his office, there is no one there. But a sticky note is stuck onto his computer screen.

Xiao Nai takes it off.

“Thank you for your beef on rice, but I didn’t have any change and the delivery man wouldn’t let me put it on the tab, so I went back to the restaurant with him to pay.”

There is a big smiley face drawn at the very bottom.

The corners of Xiao Nai’s mouth raises slightly.

If she ran off, then so be it; there’s no need to come up with such a rotten excuse. He puts the note into his file folder. Xiao Nai picks up the phone and dials the number that he recently got familiar with. The moment the other end picks up, Xiao Nai asks, “Where are you?”

Wei Wei is busy cleaning her place.

Wei Wei is definitely not the type who would fight a battle unprepared. She had already planned everything out before coming back. The first and foremost important thing is finding a place to stay. Wei Wei didn’t apply to stay in the dorm before vacation, so she can’t return to the school. Luckily, Xiao Ling, that rich girl, has a place near the school and can let her stay there; the keys were delivered to her a couple of days earlier via express post.

Wei Wei is covered with dust from cleaning the place when Xiao Nai calls.

The cell phone sings the national anthem cheerfully.

Wei Wei stares at it for a good couple of seconds before answering. Her heart pounds heavily, but she speaks normally, “I’m cleaning up Xiao Ling’s place. I can’t stay in school, so I’m borrowing her empty apartment for the time being.”

“Address.”

“Uh, you’re coming? Maybe a little later. I’m still cleaning it up, it’s very dirty.”

“I’ll come help.”

“Uh, it’s okay. You’re too important. I can’t afford to hire you.....” Wei Wei comes up with all sorts of excuses because she just doesn’t want him to come.

Xiao Nai keeps quiet for a minute, leans on his desk with his legs stretched out, and says calmly, “Wei Wei, is it because you feel embarrassed?”

Wei Wei, “.....”



“Unit 17 Bao Gui Garden, A1601. Buy me a bottle of dishwashing soap when you come.”

Wei Wei finishes her words in one breath and quickly disconnects her phone.

Half an hour later, the doorbell rings. Wei Wei rushes to open the door. Before he could say anything, Wei Wei stands on her toes and puts a paper hat that she has just folded on top of his head. She pushes him to the kitchen and stuffs a cloth into his hands.

“You clean the kitchen. Don’t come out until you’re done.”

She then runs off to wipe the windows in the bedroom.

With the cloth in hand, Xiao Nai takes a look around the kitchen; he shakes his head smiling and starts tidying up the kitchen.

It looks like he has stepped on her toes, should he console her or not? Should he step on her toes a bit more? It’s too interesting to see her get mad and flustered.

And he starts thinking hard about this nonsense with his million-dollar brain.

Not until a little over 5pm does the apartment finally looks more suitable for someone to stay in. Wei Wei can’t help but feel proud of their accomplishment while looking at the clear windows and neat room.

Xiao Nai also comes out of the second bedroom carrying a bag of garbage. After he finished cleaning the kitchen, he was directed to clean the second bedroom by Wei Wei. After tidying up both the kitchen and the bedroom, even the brilliant and graceful Xiao Nai has a bit of dust on his face, and the paper hat that Wei Wei made is tilted onto one side. Despite so, he’s still so handsome and refined——

Wei Wei looks at him and lets out a giggle; the itsy bitsy feeling of awkwardness she had before has been completely swept away by the sound of laughter.

Wei Wei pushes him into the bathroom, “You go take a shower. I’ll treat you to a roast duck.”

A roast duck restaurant is very close by Xiao Ling’s place. It’s famous for great

food at a low price. For just twenty-dollars, you can have three different roast duck dishes; with half a duck, duck skin for one dish, stir fry sliced duck meat as another dish, and duck bones boiled in a soup. By adding two more dishes and a fruit platter, it's more than enough for two to eat.

Wei Wei is super hungry after all the cleaning up, so she wipes out all the food on the table in full force. She walks out of the restaurant with her stomach full, but the moment she steps out of the door, the sky is covered with grey clouds and rumbling noises. Very soon, rain starts pouring after a loud sound of thunder.

They have no choice but to wait inside the restaurant until the rain stops.

The rain doesn't last for too long and stops after ten minutes, but it dissipates all the heat for the day. Wei Wei is refreshed walking on the streets after the rain as the air feels fresh, clean and lovely.

Xiao Nai lifts his head and looks up into the sky. He lets out a laugh.

Wei Wei knows that she has already done many embarrassing things today, so she suspects that he is laughing at her. She sways his arm and asks, "What are you laughing about?"

Xiao Nai turns to gaze at her; the smile in his eyes deepens, "Nothing. It just feels like the moment you come, the sky is clear."

Hey!

There's no need to be so emotional, okay?!

Wei Wei glares at him with her face red and her heart pounding. But being emotionally affected, it doesn't look like she's glaring at him at all; it seems more like she's seducing him. Xiao Nai can't stand it any longer; he lowers his head and kisses her.

Wei Wei immediately feels as if the sound of thunder has come back. We're, we're on the streets right now, *faint*, what if someone sees us? Just as she is worrying about "someone seeing them," Wei Wei senses someone watching her.

She turns her head subconsciously and sees two identical looking four to five year old little girls. With their hair tied in pigtails, they stare at Wei Wei and Xiao

Nai with their eyes wide open with curiosity.

Oh Lord! Wei Wei wails inside her heart and pulls Xiao Nai with her to run away.

Xiao Nai has never been pulled away in such an undignified manner in his life. He doesn't know whether he should cry or laugh.

"Wei Wei."

"Let's hurry and leave. I'm embarrassed."

Wei Wei is out of breath after sprinting for a while. She pants heavily, but still doesn't let go of Xiao Nai's hand and continues to drag him with her. When they arrive at a clean and dry area of grass that hasn't been dampened by the rain, Wei Wei finally lets go, drops to the ground, and doesn't move.

Xiao Nai takes a seat beside her.

Both of them don't talk for a moment.

The night breeze is filled with a light scent of grass and trees after the rain, making you be engulfed in its freshness. But perhaps it's more so due to the scent of the person sitting beside her. Wei Wei suddenly realizes that she has an urge to sit even closer to him, so she quickly turns her head away and pretends to brush some of the grass beside her.

After a while, she remembers something, "How come you're not asking why I've suddenly come back?"

Is it necessary to ask? Xiao Nai looks at her in question.

Stop being so full of yourself, okay? Just ask! Wei Wei pressures him with her gaze.

Xiao Nai gives in and asks, "Alright. Wei Wei, why did you suddenly come back?"

Wei Wei answers in satisfaction, "I'm here for an internship. I couldn't find a suitable job at home. Your company hires interns, right?"

Xiao Nai says in a serious manner, "We have very high standards in hiring."

".....I'm only working as an intern, who doesn't need to get paid."

“Mm, we have to be even more cautious when it’s free.”

Wei Wei picks up two strands of grass and throws them at him, “What exactly do you want then?”

Xiao Nai murmurs, “Bribe me?”

Can he be more shameless?!

But since beggars can’t be choosers, Wei Wei has no choice but to submit, “I’ll treat you to a midnight snack?”

Xiao Nai rejects like a gentleman, “I’m sorry, other than the loveliness of my charming wife, I will not accept any other form of bribery.”

Wei Wei, “...”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 40

## Part 40: The Little Intern

It doesn't matter whether Wei Wei did use her lovely charm or not, or what the process was. In short, on Monday morning, Xiao Nai punctually appears at the foot of Xiao Ling's building to take Wei Wei to the company together.

Today, Wei Wei is wearing a white blouse paired with a black skirt bottom. The description makes it seem very professional, but that's not actually the case. The blouse is a bit childish in style. The two sides of the skirt are sewed with folds with a bow strapped around her slender waist. She looks both cute and classy.

By chance, Xiao Nai, also, actually has on a simple white shirt with black pants. With the two of them walking side by side, they look as if they had deliberately wore a couple's outfit. They look both energetic and relaxed, continuously drawing the gaze of those passing by.

Since Bao Gui Garden is quite near to Xiao Nai's company, the two of them walk over. Wei Wei pulls on Xiao Nai's hand, being both excited and nervous the entire way, "What will I be doing once I arrive?"

"What do you like doing?"

"Eh, I don't know. It'll be fine long as I'm doing something." It'll be even more awkward if she just sits there foolishly.

Xiao Nai ponders a bit before saying, "You can first go to the QA (*quality assurance*) department for a few days. Once you've familiarized yourself with Dream Voyage 2, you can go to the product management department. YuGong has work in both of these departments. You can tail him."

"Okay." Wei Wei nods. After all, she's still only an university student and is completely unaware of the process in a company. Whatever Xiao Nai says goes.

When they're almost at the company, a thought comes to Wei Wei, "You go in first in a bit. I'll go find YuGong by myself."

Xiao Nai looks down at her, “Why?”

“No reason!” Wei Wei brings out her newest catchphrase and says very calmly, “I’m shy, okay?”

Xiao Nai suddenly understands what it means to shoot oneself in the foot.

However, Wei Wei’s plan of dividing the troops very quickly fails.

When they are 200 meters away from the company building, just as Wei Wei is about to part ways with Xiao Nai, a young man with stud earrings, wearing black framed glasses, and in very post-modern clothing runs by the two of them. After passing them for ten meters or so, the young man raises his head and runs back while looking back and forth between Wei Wei and Xiao Nai. He has on a look of shock, “Boss (*usually used to address the leader of a gang*), I’m not seeing things am I...Can, can this be a new employee of our company?”

Xiao Nai nods, “An intern.”

Wei Wei smiles at him courteously, a bit curious. Why did this person call the Great Master, boss? Can this be how the Great Master is addressed in the company?

Wei Wei has fixed herself up a bit today and is quite eye-catching. Thus, her smile has an even more killer appeal to it. The post-modern youth is stunned by her smile, his heart flickering. However, he quickly sees the beauty’s hand...

is curled into the crook of the boss’ arm.

“Boss, can it be, can it be that you two...”

Xiao Nai takes a glance at him and doesn’t even want to bother saying anything.

The youth quickly grasps the situation, takes two exaggerated steps back, turns around, and quickly runs towards the building. Wei Wei sees him take out his cell phone from his pocket as he runs...and can vaguely hear his voice...

“...An ultra-beauty has arrived...unfortunately, it’s Boss’ wife...might as well not have come...”

Wei Wei is completely speechless. Xiao Nai consoles her, “He’s a part of the art department. Keep your distance from them in the future.”

“...He’s clearly a part of the acting department.” Wei Wei whispers quietly.

Thanks to the post-modern youth, before Wei Wei even reaches the company, the news of Xiao Nai bringing the future boss’ wife to work has already completely spread though the company. Wei Wei’s secret infiltration plan has completely failed.

Even though Xiao Nai has brought Wei Wei to the company, he doesn’t actually have the time to take her to familiarize herself with the environment. As soon as they arrive at the company, he is called away by someone. In any case, Wei Wei has already been branded with the “Possession of Xiao” seal — he is quite at ease.

Instead, the relatively lax YuGong takes on the task of bringing the new employee around.

Under the jealous gaze of everyone else, YuGong proudly takes Wei Wei towards the QA department. As they walk, he introduces the situation at Zhi Yi Technology, “The strength of our company is currently concentrated in development. That’s why QAing is quite easy. There’s only five departments: product management, engineering, art, QA, and executive departments.”

“That section is the art department,” YuGong nods towards the eastern side, “They have the most people and are also the most abnormal. Third sister-in-law, you must not go near them. Recently, they’ve been catching people to become their [NPC](#) (*non-player character*) models. They didn’t even let the looks of someone like me go. Third sister-in-law, you must be careful.”

Wei Wei curiously asks, “Did they base an NPC off your looks?”

YuGong nods.

“That sounds quite fun.”

With an expressionless face, YuGong says, “What if that NPC is a female brothel keeper?”

“ ... ”

“And her name is RuHua (*flowery*).”

“ ... ”

YuGong concludes, “Anyway, they are recently working on NPCs for the brothel scenes. You...”

With unparalleled resoluteness, Wei Wei says, “I will definitely stay far away from them!”

After a few more steps, YuGong says, “That’s the product management department over there. The main product manager is your husband. There’s also storyline product managers (*designer*) and data product managers. You’ll understand after more interactions with them in the future. There are two in there who are of our school’s math department.”

Wei Wei is frozen by the word “husband,” suddenly thinks of a question, and interrupts, “I just heard someone call the Great Master, Boss?”

“There are people who calls him that in the company. There are some who call him Big Brother Xiao too.”

“...crime syndicate?”

“*Sigh*, those of us online aren’t too different from a crime syndicate. We rise early and sleep late. Plus, everyone’s age is pretty similar. Calling him CEO Xiao or Director Xiao is quite uncool.”

Wei Wei recalls her shout of “CEO Xiao” at a certain place the day before...and can’t help but shoot two small daggers towards YuGong with her eyes.

Being thick-skinned, YuGong misses it completely, and points towards the second on the west side, “The engineering department is over there. The engineering department consists of a pile of awesome people, especially those on Team A. They’re known as our company’s three greatest masters.”

Masters?

Wei Wei’s eyes sparkle, “Great Master?”

“He doesn’t count.” YuGong waves his hand, “There are only four people on Team A. Besides your husband, the other three make up the great masters. See the one wearing the brown t-shirt?”

Wei Wei follows along with his gaze.

YuGong lowers his voice and says mysteriously, “You know of the famous



hacker, KO?”

Wei Wei nods. Even someone like Wei Wei who doesn't really pay attention to hackers has heard of the great KO's name. Saying that he is either the top or second best hacker in the country isn't a far stretch.

“That's him. Here, he's called Lao K (*Old K*).”

“You, you must be kidding. KO?” Wei Wei is at a loss for words.

“He was brought in by third brother. Seems like they dueled a few times. In short, he's now at our company. Not many people know that he's KO. Don't tell anyone. I'm only telling you since you're family.”

...actually, you've probably already told this to a lot of people, haven't you?

“Speaking of which, I still don't know what that guy is actually called. Third brother pays his salary directly in cash. He's quite an expert at playing cool.” YuGong says sourly, “But I think the reason he doesn't say his real name is because...”

Wei Wei looks at him expectantly.

“His name is too embarrassing.” YuGong nods with great vigor as if to reinforce his credibility.

“...”

Wei Wei maintains her silence.

Then, YuGong points to another person, “The person next to him is called Shuang, he's another master on Team A. But you must detour around this person when you see him. Try not to appear in front of him.”

Wei Wei is baffled, “Why?”

“Third sister-in-law, haven't you noticed that our company is a monastery. Even the front desk receptionist is a man? It's all because of that guy!” YuGong's face is clearly filled with anger. He says while gnashing his teeth, “That guy says that when he sees woman, he can't write any code.”

So formidable! Wei Wei is mind-blown.

“But don't mistake him for some upright gentleman.” YuGong continues to

issue his own take on it, “In my opinion, it’s because that guy is too horny, and doesn’t have enough self control. When he sees a woman, his mind becomes confused and tangled, so he can only cut women off completely.”

For a second, Wei Wei feels like she’s in Rivers and Lakes. These people seem like the martial art experts in legends each with their own eccentricities.

Wei Wei can’t help but investigate further, “What about the other person?”

“The other one...” YuGong’s face becomes miserable, fixing his gaze in a certain corner, “The other one, is that pretty boy.”

Wei Wei follows his gaze over and says with doubt, “There’s no one there.”

YuGong says, “Look more carefully.”

Wei Wei takes another careful look and still doesn’t see anyone, “There’s no one there, just Senior Beau-...”

Wei Wei suddenly pauses and turns to look at YuGong in surprise.

YuGong sighs deeply, “I know this is hard for you to accept, but, yes, it is him.”

“Even though he looks like a pretty boy, his character isn’t that awesome, and is often very vulgar, as they say, if God gives you a shortcoming in something, He’ll definitely give you a strong point in something else. That pretty boy’s only strong point is that his brain is not too bad.”

“He was once the top scorer of the sciences in province Z.”

Wei Wei is thunderstruck. Senior Beauty is actually also a part of the Great Master’s core team, a legendary programming master? Okay, she also knows that there are a lot of awesome people from her school, but, but, MoZhaHim...

It’s hard to imagine this!

Can you imagine your usual cheerful boy next-door suddenly transforms into a Shaolin master?

YuGong asks, “Have you become disillusioned?”

“I’m alright...actually Senior Beauty has quite good manners...” Wei Wei says with difficulty.

YuGong nods his head in acknowledgement, “But, not having good manners is

also sometimes being a master of manners.”

“That’s right,” YuGong suddenly remembers something, “you can still call me YuGong at the company. That’s what everyone calls me. But don’t call Hao Mei, MoZhaHIm.”

“Then what is he called?” He can’t be called “Hao Mei (*Very Beautiful*)” can he....

YuGong says indifferently, “He is called Big Brother Mei in the Rivers and Lakes.”

“...”

“What’s wrong?”

“Nothing,” Wei Wei also says indifferently, “It’s just that I suddenly want to perform breaking stone on chest (*Ref. to Shaolin master analogy, skillfully trained street entertainer*).”

In a paralysis state, Wei Wei continues following YuGong forward.

There isn’t anything to introduce about the admin department. YuGong only solemnly warned her, “You must be polite to those in the admin department, they determine whether the lunch box you get is 3 parts meat, 1 part veggies or 3 parts veggies, 1 part meat.”

Wei Wei nods with a solemn expression indicating that she’s taken note of it.

At the end is the QA department. YuGong makes the introduction, “There’s not enough people on the QA team right now. We’ll probably have a large scale hiring around September. Third sister-in-law, you’ll be here for now.”

After reaching the QA department, and making introductions to the manager and staff of the department, YuGong completes his task and departs.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 41

## Part 41: His World

The QA (*quality assurance*) department is the least technical department in the company compared to others. The minimal requirement for a position here is to have experience and passion for gaming. Wei Wei is an expert in online gaming nonetheless, therefore, she is more than qualified for the job.

The job of a QA is rather dull; you may need to converse with the same NPC continuously to see if there are any bugs, or you may need to traverse the same map over and over again.....it's definitely not what outsiders think where you only need to play the game casually and that's it.

The QA department is scheduled to run a few tests on a major quest today. Since the department has always been low in manpower, they're more than happy to accept a helping hand. The members of the team were originally worried that their Boss's rumored beautiful girlfriend was only here to pass the time. Who knew that she only needed to learn the new controls for Dream Voyage 2 and she was off to be a pro?

The manager of the QA department can't help but feel that he has struck gold; he immediately feels approval towards Wei Wei, his boss's future wife.

Wei Wei is addicted to Dream Voyage 2 the moment she starts playing. Even when "Big Brother Mei of rivers and lakes" comes and watches her excitedly, she doesn't respond to him, causing MoZhaHim to leave in loneliness. During lunch with Xiao Nai in the afternoon, Xiao Nai asks casually, "What did you do in the morning?"

Wei Wei's eyes gleam as she says, "I tested the water disaster quest."

Since Dream Voyage 2 has made its biggest effort in imitating real weather conditions, the sun will rise and the moon will set in the game; there are thunderstorms, bright and breezy days, and there are of course, also cloudy and rainy days. Obviously, if there are rainy days, some areas may end up being

flooded, therefore, there is a water disaster quest as a result.

The system announces that a town has been flooded and asks players to help save [NPC](#) kids and the elderly, as well as retrieving their belongings, which players will be rewarded for. Players must have obtained the skill of swimming in order to rescue NPCs to a safe place within the specified timeframe. A player's blood level will continuously drop while in the water, so if he/she is unable to rescue a NPC and make it to safety, the player will die and lose in the quest.

There will be an after-disaster reconstruction quest; some of the tasks include delivering water to places in a drought and etcetera. Although Wei Wei has played a lot of online games, it's the first time that she has seen one with so many special and interesting multiplayer type quests.

While she is testing the quests, she overhears people of the QA department talk about other quests that involve feeding babies at a daycare, performing on the streets, farming and knitting for married couples, and more. Even though she has only gotten to experience the tip of an iceberg, the intricate and thoughtfully constructed quests in Dream Voyage 2 have already wowed Wei Wei.

But what surprises Wei Wei the most, today, is Dream Voyage 2's scenery.

Elegant and beautiful mountains, vast rivers, dense lush green bamboos, and deep secluded valleys; these ordinary and common sceneries seem more ethereal and distant in Dream Voyage 2.

Of course, it's not only the scenery, but also the smooth and elegant actions, and the realistic and wide variety of expressions from the characters.....

Wei Wei knew long ago that the 3D engine of Dream Voyage 2 is written by the Great Master and not a pre-existing one directly purchased from abroad. Therefore, the quality of the illustrations and actions are extraordinary. But before she got a chance to see the game, she didn't think the Great Master's engine would have such beautiful sceneries and elegant actions.

But then again, knowing that it's the Great Master and his great team, Wei Wei feels that it's only normal.....

Speaking of the engine, not only will Dream Voyage 2 rake in a good amount of money with it, just by selling the engine itself to other gaming companies will

make the Great Master's company rich.

She and Xiao Nai return to the office after lunch. In order to avoid being taken back to the "scene" by the Great Master, Wei Wei proactively and enthusiastically goes to visit Senior Beauty whom she neglected in the morning.

Xiao Nai smirks and doesn't stop her. He doesn't like to be glued to someone in public places. But when a bug was found in the game in the afternoon, he showed up at the QA department and conveniently did some troubleshooting for them.

The members of the QA department felt very vexed at the time; they were basically saying in their hearts: We can actually resolve this ourselves! Boss, you don't need to come do this yourself!

After a few days of testing, Wei Wei can't help but feel that Dream Voyage 2 is very different from other games that she has played in the past; not only because of its intricate and detailed artwork, its profound historical background, and other things. However, she can't pinpoint the overall experience until one day when she reads the details on Dream Voyage 2's proposal, where she finally realizes what it is.

Dream Voyage 2 gives a sense of liveliness.

Dream Voyage 2's world is ever changing and never static; flowers bloom and wither, the moon may be bright or dull, and characters are lucky sometimes or not so much at other times. A pot of peony in the garden may be full of buds, and when you go back a few days later, it may already be in full bloom. A pub in the city may be crowded with customers yesterday, but be out of business the next day. A girl from the West may be waiting for her special someone to appear, but she could be married to someone in the East on the next month. Even the NPCs working at the shops change shifts and take vacation.

Even with such little changes to the NPCs and the environment, it gives players a sense of dynamism; getting rid of the stagnant and programmed feeling in the majority of online games.

Dream Voyage 2 has taken care of every aspect; like the gameplay for stealing the bride/groom; or the martial arts technique designs; or the career development of a character (study, become an official, increase rank, and call

upon armies for war battles—you may reference western games)...

Many magnificent and wonderful ideas can be seen in the game, but Dream Voyage 2's most unique aspect is that it places daily life simulation and engaging in the martial arts world in parallel; players in Dream Voyage 2 can venture in quests and battles of the rivers and lakes, or they can stay far away and live their own lives.

This is very uncommon in online video games. Online games are usually defined; war games will be war games, daily life simulation games will stay as daily life simulation games. Even if a war game has daily life simulations, they are only subpar to the main gameplay.

It's not that the gaming companies don't want to make them, they just can't. In order for local companies to save money, the majority of them will buy engines written by other companies from abroad; and these imported engines either focus mainly on battles and make daily life simulations as supporting gameplay, or they focus mainly on daily life simulations and make battle gameplay support. Therefore, local online games that are made with imported engines are more or less the same with restricted gameplay.

But since Xiao Nai is developing his own engine, he can of course, step outside of this restriction and come up with his own ideas freely.

Nonetheless, these new gameplays are only a small part of game, the truly innovative part of Dream Voyage 2 is actually its daily life simulations; it has both C\S (*client-server, download and install game*) and B\S (*browser-server, online browser game*) integrated.

To explain it simply, the game will function between those who have installed the game on their computers and those who access it online via the website.

Here's a good scenario.

For example, you plant a pot of flower in your home garden in Dream Voyage 2, but when the flower blooms, you are at work and cannot access the game, so what should you do? You simply just need to open the online website version of Dream Voyage 2, and you'll be able to sit in your office and watch your flowers bloom.

Another example would be if you have a son who needs to eat three meals a day and you don't want to leave him with the system's daycare, what should you do? You can feed him via the online website version while you're at work.

It will only be a matter of time before these functions also extend to a mobile version.

All the gaming companies are putting in their best efforts to transport their games to an online website version so that it can be played by people in the workforce, as well as the few who install it onto their computers. However, at this time, there is no online 3D game that has been able to combine the gaming worlds between installed games and games played in browsers.

Dream Voyage 2 will be the first of its class.

It is definitely a genius innovation.

"Not only so, you can reverse your thought." Xiao Nai says calmly, or at least looks very calm while speaking as he listens to Wei Wei's complements after work one day.

"Mm!"

"Before the complete testing is done, Dream Voyage 2's daily life simulation game will be available on the website version."

Eh? That is really news, but what is the motive for doing this?

Wei Wei starts to think.

Seeing how she is stuck on the thought, Xiao Nai gives her the hint, "And then we will play a promotional video of the 3D game on the website."

Wei Wei understands immediately.

After the web players see their delicate and beautiful home gardens in 3D, it'll definitely spark their interest to take a look, and then.....

The outcome can be expected.

The Great Master's tactic is truly ambitious; he wants to capture all kinds of players without a doubt.

Wei Wei can feel her blood rushing as she continues to think.



What about players who don't like to hack and slash? They of course don't need to fight monsters and upgrade their skill levels; they can plant vegetables and harvest them, raise pigs and ducks, weave and sew clothes, or study cooking.....but, if you feel being a farmer is too boring, you can find a master to learn how to fight and travel in the rivers and lakes; there is no stopping you. The system will find all kinds of ways to lure you. For example, you may end up harvesting elixirs that will increase your skill level, or you may find a secret manual from digging, or you may be sewing an elite piece of armor without you knowing.....and all of these things are conveniently not sellable.....

Therefore.....

Hence, the Great Master is a scheming expert ==

No, that's not right. Perhaps it's more correct to say that he is an overt plotter, who's good at setting up traps and letting others watch themselves fall into it >0<

Wei Wei immerses herself in Dream Voyage 2 every day, almost to the point of forgetting to eat and sleep; one time, she didn't notice Xiao Nai standing right beside her, so as a result, Xiao Nai got teased by the members of the QA department.

“Big Brother Xiao, how does it feel to lose to your own game?”

Xiao Nai doesn't like the feeling at all, and that feeling has gone on for a few days now. After being away from each other for so long, who can stand listening to their girlfriend talk about an online game non-stop? Feeling helpless, Xiao Nai makes the quick decision, “From now on, don't mention the game after work.”

Wei Wei secretly feels delighted inside, but also a bit upset. She explains, “But it's your game!”

Dream Voyage 2 is your world, isn't it?

There is no way that you can make the game yourself. A game has to be created by a collaborative and intelligent group of people. But as the master designer, Xiao Nai is the soul of the game.

So with that respect, Dream Voyage 2 is his world.

It displays his views on life, as well as his values. Sometimes Wei Wei even feels like she is soaring inside his extensive mind when playing the game.

He is everywhere; perfect and strong.

It seems...

that she likes him even more now.

After working in the QA department for a month, Xiao Nai transfers Wei Wei over to the product management department, which is directly under his supervision, to work as an associate product manager.

Wei Wei has no opinion regarding this change.

She can hardly wait to start working in the product management department; she wants to add something that resembles her to his world.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 42

## Part 42: Swim.....trunks

The afternoon sun shines through the floor to ceiling windows, illuminating the two of them sitting on the hardwood floor beside the bed.

“I feel that more could be added to the family simulation gameplay, especially the interactions between families.”

Wei Wei talks and doodles on her notebook while sitting beside Xiao Nai. This green covered notebook is recently bought by Wei Wei; many snippets of ideas for Dream Voyage 2 are written in it.

As an experienced gamer, Wei Wei’s ideas are insightful, but Xiao Nai’s focus seems to be shifted to elsewhere.

“How about this song?”

Wei Wei replies in anger, “CEO Xiao, have you been listening?”

“Mm,” CEO Xiao says, “write me a proposal when your idea has matured.”

“.....”

Wei Wei lowers her head and bites on his wrist fiercely.

His piano score continues without losing a note.

Xiao Nai is playing an instrumental piece for Dream Voyage 2, which is one of the scores from Director Fang’s studio that was delivered to him on the day that Wei Wei came back.

Xiao Nai thinks for a moment after finishing playing; he marks a few notes on the score, and then puts the pen down. He puts out his arms, wraps them around her waist, and pushes her down to the floor; a mouth for a mouth, a tooth for a tooth (*Wordplay on ‘an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.’*)

“You.....”

Before Wei Wei can say anything, he seals her lips.

Although Wei Wei is already used to getting kissed in his embrace or while sitting on his lap, it's the first time that she is pressed against the floor; she suddenly feels that her little heart almost can't bear the kisses.

Like two warriors crossing paths, the stronger wins. Not only is he forceful, he's also cunning; Wei Wei doesn't have the strength to oppose him, so she can only let him do whatever he wants.

Xiao Nai lets go of her a few minutes later, but he doesn't get up. His warm breath blows against her neck. It takes Wei Wei a while for her vision to clear up as she catches her breath; she can't help but ask, "Is this really your first time..... um, being in love?"

It doesn't seem like it at all! Every time he.....she becomes defenseless.

"Mm," Xiao Nai hums nonchalantly.

"You're way too experienced =="

"I just know what to do once I see you," Xiao Nai bites her ear lightly, "and also, I've practiced many times in my head."

After practicing a few more times, break time is over. Xiao Nai buttons up his shirt to prepare to go out. Wei Wei dashes to the bathroom to look at herself in the mirror.

Eyes are watery.....she can say that she's tired.

Cheeks are red.....she can say that it's because of being under the sun.

But what about her lips!

What should she say? Say that she ate spicy food or was stung by mosquitoes?!

Those busy people who always have the time to tease her will definitely not let go of this golden opportunity, okay? Especially when there's YuGong around!

Wei Wei comes out of the bathroom depressingly. Xiao Nai is already putting on his shoes; he says casually while his head is down, "Are you still coming in the afternoon?"

Although it's the weekend, due to newly added criteria, a lot of people are working over time, so Xiao Nai also has to go. Since Wei Wei is an intern, it's not crucial for her to be there, so she shakes her head, "No!"

"I don't even get paid as an intern. I want to take a day off!"

Xiao Nai keeps his elegant demeanor and doesn't burst her bubbles, but he calls her to the door nonetheless, and kisses her forehead, "Stay and look after the home then, don't go to Xiao Ling's place."

"Okay," Wei Wei takes a peek at the hot and passionate sun outside and doesn't feel like going out either, but after Xiao Nai leaves, she can't help but murmur, ".....this isn't even my home."

The place that Wei Wei is in right now is not Xiao Ling's apartment; she is in Xiao Nai's own home dwelling that he purchased outside. Xiao Nai is still uncomfortable with having intimate interactions at other people's place; Wei Wei doesn't dare to go to his parent's place, therefore, this rarely lived-in home has become very useful. Wei Wei is often here with Xiao Nai during the day, and then he drives her back at night.

Xiao Nai is gone; Wei Wei has nothing to do, so she goes back to the bedroom to surf the web.

It's a little boring when not at the office. Wei Wei browses through a few websites, and then remembers that she hasn't fed her tiger cub for a couple of days, so she opens up "Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes."

The cub's poor characteristics and skills have gotten a bit better after Wei Wei's patient upbringing. Wei Wei feeds a pellet of medicine to it; since there isn't any more left in storage, she goes to the marketplace in Chang'an to buy more.

To her surprise, she bumps into UnawakenedButterflyDreams, who hasn't appeared online for a long time, at the marketplace. She has set up a stall and is selling goods. Wei Wei sends her a message from the unexpected encounter: "Is it ButterflyDreams?"

She hasn't sold her account to someone else, has she?

ButterflyDreams replies quickly: "Yes."

Wei Wei: “I haven’t seen you for a long time.”

ButterflyDreams: “Haha, I’ve been too busy at work.”

Wei Wei thought that ButterflyDreams had left the game for good. She didn’t think she would return, so she can’t help but feel surprised. She wants to ask how she’s been, but is afraid of being intrusive, so she decides not to ask. They exchange a few messages before ButterflyDreams closes her stall and suggests going to fight a Boss.

StormGoddessNiNi also joins the party; the three of them pick an intermediate level quest. It should have been an easy job for them to complete the quest, but due to multiply mistakes from ButterflyDreams, they almost faced death.

ButterflyDreams smiles painfully: “I haven’t been online for two months, and now I don’t even know how to fight a Boss.”

Ah, ButterflyDreams doesn’t seem to be in a good mood. Just as Wei Wei is thinking of this, StormGoddessNiNi (*StormGoddessGirl*) sends her a message: “Guild Master ButterflyDreams has not been in a good mood recently.”

“What’s wrong?”

“I guess it’s because she has just returned to the guild and hasn’t gotten used to it yet. A lot of veterans have left the guild in the past two months. There are a lot of newcomers who treat LittleRainYaoYao (*LittleRainEnchantress*) like a Goddess. A lot of people don’t recognize Guild Master ButterflyDreams.”

“BattleTheWorld hasn’t given the Guild Master position back to her yet?”

“No. Furthermore, Guild Master ButterflyDreams’s equipment levels are not as high ranked as BattleTheWorld’s.”

“T\_\_T”

“LittleRainQingQing (*LittleRainForeverYoung*) is still in the guild. She’s so hateable! If it isn’t because I feel attached to the guild, I would’ve left long ago.”

Wei Wei suddenly realizes a problem: “ButterflyDreams and BattleTheWorld are.....”

StormGoddessNiNi answers: “They’ve reconciled. I’ve asked Guild Master ButterflyDreams about it already. She said she was sick a while ago, and

BattleTheWorld took care of her during that time, so she gave in.”

StormGoddessNiNi suddenly disappears while talking. A few minutes later, she comes back online crying: “::faint:: It’s just no good at home, Telecom internet is either choking or disconnects me completely. How’s your internet speed, Wei Wei? You’re also using Telecom, right?”

“No, I’m back in City B. I’m using Netcom.”

“Oh? Why are you back in City B so soon?”

“Summer part time internship.”

“::falls to ground::.....please don’t mention internship. I still haven’t completed mine yet.”

They’ve been messaging via the Party channel, so ButterflyDreams can see them as well. ButterflyDreams, who hasn’t been talking, asks: “Wei Wei, you’re in City B right now?”

“Mm, ^\_^”

ButterflyDreams doesn’t go further. After finishing the quest, she suddenly says: “Wei Wei, are you free right now? Let’s go out and have a drink.”

Wei Wei is a little surprised by the invitation; she has never had any interest in meeting up with other online players. But since ButterflyDreams isn’t in a good mood, it’ll seem like she’ll hurt her more if she declines the offer.

She hesitates in answering. StormGoddessNiNi messages her privately: “Wei Wei, just go keep ButterflyDreams company. BattleTheWorld still has a few things to tend to in the guild, and she’s not in a good mood, so why don’t you go console her?”

Wei Wei, who is immersed in her own happiness, remembers what happened between ButterflyDreams and BattleTheWorld, so she can’t help but feel softhearted. Therefore, she accepts the offer without much thought.

While she is chitchatting with ButterflyDreams and StormGoddessNiNi, a window pops up on her computer screen, which gives Wei Wei a fright.

“Wei Wei.”

Two characters appear in the window.

Wei Wei pauses before typing: “Great Master?”

“Mm.”

“.....Can’t you use something more normal for chatting?”

“This is convenient.”

“.....” But it scares people, okay?

“I suddenly remember that my relative’s house is vacant.”

“Huh?”

“They have a swimming pool there.”

“@\_@”

“Do you want to go swim?”

“Yes!” Wei Wei answers quickly.

“You know how to swim?”

“No!” Wei Wei says proudly, “But I can watch!”

Oh, watching the Great Master swim; that has been her wish ever since she watched him play basketball last time!

Wei Wei neglects the game due to being interrupted by the Great Master out of nowhere. ReedWeiWei continues standing still in one place; StormGoddessNiNi calls her a few times.

“Wei Wei.”

“Wei Wei?”

“Wei Wei Wei Wei Wei Wei.....”

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Wei Wei hurries back to stop her from flooding the screen: “I’m back. I was caught up in something.”

“Oh, I thought your internet was choking too.”



ButterflyDreams asks: “Wei Wei, are you in the XX district?”

The XX district is where universities are centralized in City B. Wei Wei replies: “Yes.”

ButterflyDreams says: “Is Pizza Hut on XX road okay?”

Wei Wei thinks for a moment; since XX road isn’t too far away from University A, she agrees to it: “Okay^\_^”

They confirm their meeting location and exchange their numbers. Wei Wei reopens the window with the Great Master.

“I’m going to be meeting UnawakenedButterflyDreams in a bit.”

It takes a while until Xiao Nai replies: “Mm.”

Although he doesn’t say anything, Wei Wei’s instinct tells her that he doesn’t like her meeting up with other online players, so she explains: “We’ll be at Pizza Hut on XX road. We’re only going for a drink, it won’t be too long.”

Xiao Nai tells her: “I’ll pick you up from there and we’ll go directly to swimming. Oh yeah, bring my swimwear with you.”

Men’s swimwear; that means his swim trunks, right?.....

The Great Master’s swim trunks.....the mystical existence of them causes Wei Wei to blush just from thinking about them, let alone searching for them in the chest. Wei Wei opens the chest that Xiao Nai described, doesn’t dare to look carefully, and grabs something in black sleek fabric that should be some sort of swimwear. She stuffs it into her purse quickly and then leaves to go meet ButterflyDreams.

A half an hour or so later, Wei Wei arrives at Pizza Hut.

ButterflyDreams’s text message says that she has long curly chestnut colored hair, and she would be wearing a long dark green dress.....

Wei Wei walks towards her.

ButterflyDreams is in a daze while looking outside the window before she hears footsteps gradually getting close. She notices a captivating and shimmering figure approaching from the corner of her eye. She turns her head

subconsciously and looks directly into a pair of sparkling eyes.

The owner of that pair of eyes sees her and smiles slightly, showing little teeth. Her smile is like an early blooming [epiphyllum](#) (*a flower that usually blooms at night*), making others feel great brilliance from her; glamorous and stunning.

A thought floats to ButterflyDreams's mind, but it doesn't seem possible. And then the girl does really stop in front of her. ButterflyDreams is almost paralyzed in awe; her mind is blank for a while before she asks, ".....You're ReedWeiWei?"

Wei Wei nods and sits down in front of her. She smiles while greeting her, "Hello, ButterflyDreams."

Wei Wei and ButterflyDreams sit in Pizza Hut until 5pm before leaving.

Most of the time, it's ButterflyDreams talking and Wei Wei listening. But Wei Wei understands that ButterflyDreams is not in a good mood and only wants someone to listen.

In the end, ButterflyDreams invites Wei Wei to dinner, but Wei Wei declines, "I need to go swimming at night, so I don't think it's good to eat before then."

ButterflyflyDreams understands, "With your boyfriend?"

Wei Wei nods her head once. Her eyes gleam from the thought of Xiao Nai.

"For such a beauty like you, your boyfriend must treat you with unswerving loyalty." ButterflyDreams looks at her with a hint of envy in her eyes.

Wei Wei is a little startled. She wants to say something, but feels that it's not appropriate. Therefore, she smiles and lowers her head to take a sip of tea.

Wei Wei calls Xiao Nai after parting with ButterflyDreams.

"I'm done now."

"Mm, I'll be there immediately." Xiao Nai is actually done with work a long time ago, but due to his upbringing and demeanor, he never calls to rush her.

Wei Wei tells him her location; just as she is about to hang up, Xiao Nai asks suddenly, "Have you bought your swimsuit yet?"

"....."

"You want to go buy it with me?" Xiao Nai walks out with his car key in hand as

he speaks.

“No! I’ll go buy it myself!”

There’s a big supermarket beside Pizza Hut. Wei Wei goes in and buys a swimsuit; she isn’t picky but of course, it’s the most conservative type with frills at the bottom.

Once she walks out of the supermarket after paying, Wei Wei sees Xiao Nai’s car already parked on the road side.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 43

## Part 43: Swimming, oh, swimming

Swimming, oh, swimming~~~

Wei Wei's image of swimming is like this: The Great Master is shirtless and wearing a thin and short pair of swim trunks; his body moves in and out of the ripples gracefully.....and as for her, she'll lie on the reclining chair by the side, enjoy her drink in the cool breeze, and watch over; even better if she has a camera.....

And the reality is——

After arriving at the house, Wei Wei takes out his swim trunks from her purse and hands it over to him. Xiao Nai takes it, and his eyebrows twitch.

"How come you took this one."

"Huh?" She didn't really look when she grabbed them, so what's the problem?

"This was a present from my aunt after I won first place in swimming. I've never worn it before."

"You don't like it?"

"I don't mind," Xiao Nai smiles slightly, "I just never knew that Wei Wei actually likes this style."

He goes get changed and walks out in his swim wear. It is then that Wei Wei realizes which style he was referring to.....

It is the thin and short.....and skin tight kind.....

Wei Wei's head is dizzy from the fully exposed view of a male, so when the Great Master asks her, "Why haven't you changed yet," she obediently changes into the swimsuit that she has just bought.

Luckily, she comes back to her senses when she comes out; she grabs an oversized towel to cover herself.

Xiao Nai is already swimming comfortably in the pool. Once he spots her, he swims to the side of the pool and reaches out his hand.

“Come down.”

“No. I don’t know how to swim.” Wei Wei holds on to her towel tightly and refuses to go into the water.

“I’ll teach you.”

Wei Wei thinks for a moment but still doesn’t find the courage, “.....at most I’ll dip my feet into the water at the side of the pool.”

Xiao Nai is speechless and decides to leave her alone; he swims out to the pool by himself. Wei Wei’s gaze follows him, watching him soar through the ripples, and diving in and out freely. Her face flushes as his slim yet masculine body disappears and reappears in front of her.

It seems that she is becoming more and more perverted after being with the Great Master~~

Wei Wei repents on herself while she continues to watch him brazenly. She is tempted to jump in herself after a while, so she sits by the pool side and puts her legs into the water.

The cool and refreshing feeling immediately passes through her legs, comforting all the pores of her body.

Wei Wei is having a great time splashing her feet with the water and doesn’t notice where Xiao Nai has gone to. By the time she realizes, Xiao Nai has already swum to her side; he grabs her ankle and tugs her down.

Wei Wei falls into the water unprepared, so she drinks a few mouthfuls.....of the water that she soaked her feet in.....

And because she falls into a moment of chaos, someone transfers air to her from mouth to mouth.....

And because she doesn’t want to drown, she clings tightly onto someone’s half naked body.....

Anyhow.....it’s more than words can explain.....

By the time they go home, Wei Wei has only learned a little bit of swimming, but, her body and soul.....have experienced great losses T\_\_T

Although Classmate Xiao Nai was the champion of intercollegiate swimming league, he's not so passionate in the sport that he would swim every day. However, he has become passionate about it after today. Since his relative's house is vacant, he brings Wei Wei with him every night to go swimming for two hours.

Wei Wei has grown to like swimming, but as for a certain someone taking advantage of her while using the name "instructor" as an excuse, she continues to resist firmly. Although she is determined to fight against him, her strength cannot compare to his; she often ends up succumbing to his seductions when she's not careful.....

Therefore, in the Great Master's relative's pool, Wei Wei can often be seen hustling around in the water.....

One time, when Wei Wei was fighting to break free, she even said "we're not so close to the point of bathing together yet, are we?" But after thinking about it, she realized that they were the only ones in the pool, so it wasn't far off from bathing together = =

But Xiao Nai's reaction was——

"I didn't know Wei Wei likes it more stimulating."

Since Wei Wei can't find it in herself to be as shameless as him, she has no choice but to let it be.

So when she receives a call from ButterflyDreams, Wei Wei is quite happy. After all, indulging in a swimming feast every day is a bit too nutritional...

ButterflyDreams asks, "Wei Wei, are you free tomorrow night? Let's go for dinner."

"Tomorrow?" Wei Wei thinks for a brief second and then responds, "Okay."

Wei Wei isn't trying to avoid swimming with the Great Master by responding so quickly, it's just that she remembers that it was ButterflyDreams who treated her last time at Pizza Hut, so she feels that she should treat her back this time

round.

Therefore, on the next day, Wei Wei ditches a certain someone and makes her way to dinner carrying her stuffed wallet. But when she arrives in front of the restaurant, she feels a bit uneasy looking at its extravagant decor.

She should have enough money, right?.....

Whatever, she'll just call the Great Master to rescue her if anything.

Wei Wei takes out her cell phone and messages ButterflyDreams: "I'm here, where are you?"

ButterflyDreams replies right away: "Chrysanthemum Pavillion."

Inside the private room, ButterflyDreams puts her phone away.

"She's here."

LittleRainQingQing (*LittleRainForeverYoung*) asks doubtfully, "Is she really a beauty? Is she prettier than YaoYao?"

A little more than ten minutes ago, during this gathering and reunion meeting organized by LittleRainQingQing for their guild, Sound of Blue Ocean Tides Pavilion, ButterflyDreams "accidentally" revealed that she had seen ReedWeiWei (*HumbleReed*) in person, and that she was very pretty.

Members who have shown up are: BattleTheWorld, the LittleRain clan, RealWaterIsScentless, and a few other players from City B. The majority of them knows or has heard of ReedWeiWei, but none of them believes that ReedWeiWei is a beauty.

Members of the LittleRain clan are even more skeptical about it; they even taunted ButterflyDreams to invite ReedWeiWei to come.

As a result, ButterflyDreams pretended to go outside to make a phone call when in fact, she had already confirmed the date with Wei Wei yesterday, just to be on the safe side.

ButterflyDreams does not answer LittleRainQingQing's question right away, keeping everyone on the edge of their seats; she comments after, "You'll find out once she's here."

“Ah!” LittleRainQingQing exclaims, “I know! She’s definitely not as pretty as YaoYao. After all, YaoYao is the number one most beautiful girl out of all the servers combined.”

LittleRainYaoYao (*LittleRainEnchantress*) says feeling a bit embarrassed and annoyed at the same time, “Stop over exaggerating it. You shouldn’t compare everyone to me.”

LittleRainQingQing makes a cute gesture of sticking out her tongue, “Okay, okay. It degrades your status, right?”

ButterflyDreams watches LittleRainYaoYao as she sneers in her heart.

Go ahead and laugh! Let’s see if you can still laugh out loud in a bit.

What’s so special about you that make others revolve around you? What right do you LittleRain clan members have to boss others around in my guild, which I’m the founder of? You’re no more than a pretty face that has been named the so-called number one beauty of the Rivers and Lakes. What right do you have to be in such happiness? Don’t you know that your happiness stings my eyes? Do you not know how fake you are for suggesting this reunion meeting?

If it weren’t for you, BattleTheWorld would not have met LittleRainQingQing.

You have no idea how much I hate you.

Nevertheless, your true challenge is yet to come.

Can your love withstand it?

Probably not!

It’s a love relationship built around facial features. Would a guy like RealWaterIsScentless be unmoved by other’s attractiveness? When such captivating and mesmerizing charm is right in front of him?

Moreover, he was ReedWeiWei’s husband; what’s more hurtful and regretful than knowing that you once possessed something and then lost it inadvertently?

But...

If you can really overcome this challenge, I will give you two my blessings! My most sincere blessing!



ButterflyDreams drains her glass in one gulp!

The table continues to chitchat happily, but everyone's eyes can't help glancing over at the door every now and then. After a while, the door opens, and everyone's eyes immediately dart towards it. Greeting them is a round smiling face. Can you call that a beauty? LittleRainQingQing scoffs, but she very quickly realizes that it's just the waitress.

And then, another girl walks in from behind the waitress.

The girl nods politely to the waitress, and while she does, a few strands of hair slides down to her attractive and pearly neck. When she turns her head, her soft and silky hair reveals a gorgeous face that causes others to skip a beat; her eyes shining like stars. Her lashes twitch when a tint of shock seems to brush across her eyes, but her facial expression adds further to her brilliance.

ButterflyDreams has already met Wei Wei before, but seeing Wei Wei wearing a soft pink v-neck tight waist floral dress, she is mesmerized by her again. It takes her a while to stand up and greet her.

“Wei Wei.”

Her greeting sends shockwaves to everyone at the table. Everyone simply feels that the girl who has just walked in is extremely beautiful, but they did not make the connection to “ReedWeiWei.” Their minds finally click after hearing ButterflyDreams call her.

She's actually ReedWeiWei?

How can she possibly be ReedWeiWei!?

If she is ReedWeiWei, then the so-called number beauty of Rivers and Lakes.....

Everyone coincidentally shifts their gazes to LittleRainYaoYao, and they all feel that she's——

too ordinary.

Compared to someone so captivating and gorgeous, LittleRainYaoYao's pure and innocent prettiness suddenly seems too dull and boring.

Furthermore.....

Her body shape is far from being comparable.

LittleRainYaoYao is actually also very pretty. It's just that because everyone has seen her so many times that there is no more surprise. There are photos and videos of her on the forum; seeing her in real person actually makes one feel that she looks better in photos; at least her skin looks a lot better in photos. Therefore, ReedWeiWei, who isn't wearing any makeup and has never been known as a beauty, immediately attracts everyone's gazes.

And as a result, everyone feels rather perplexed. If this girl is ReedWeiWei, how was LittleRainYaoYao able to snatch RealWaterIsScentless from her?

Everyone glances over to RealWaterIsScentless simultaneously.

Men understand the lustful nature of men the most. When RealWaterIsScentless divorced ReedWeiWei in the game and married LittleRainYaoYao at lightning speed, although other male players from the guild felt that it was a selfish act, they were envious in their hearts. But seeing ReedWeiWei now, all the other male players at the table can feel that RealWaterIsScentless must be punching himself inside his heart.

ButterflyDreams doesn't stray from watching the reactions from LittleRainYaoYao and RealWaterIsScentless; she presses her lips into a curve in satisfaction and says to the waitress, "Excuse me, please add another seat beside me here."

She then tells Wei Wei, "Wei Wei, sit here."

Wei Wei nods and makes her way there. Her expression is normal, but she speedily assesses the current situation before her in her heart.

In reality, when she received ButterflyDreams's text indicating the private room that she was in, Wei Wei already sensed something fishy, but she decided to trust her friend and didn't think otherwise. She never thought that things would turn out like this the moment she entered.

Wei Wei doesn't recognize anybody besides ButterflyDreams, but she recalls LittleRainYaoYao's face. Since LittleRainYaoYao is here, the identity of the other people becomes obvious.

This must be some City B gathering for Sound of Blue Ocean Tides Pavilion.

But she doesn't know why they've asked her to come.

Wei Wei takes a seat beside ButterflyDreams; everybody's heartbeat seems to settle back in place, but it still feels a bit unreal. LittleRainQingQing blurts out, "You're ReedWeiWei?"

Her voice is a bit pitchy. Wei Wei glances at her, and nods.

"Yes."

Since she's here already, she'll just go with the flow. Wei Wei nods her head and greets everyone gracefully, "Hello everyone, I'm ReedWeiWei."

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 44

## Part 44: Radiance

It's a brief moment of silence before the atmosphere is light up in enthusiasm. ButterflyDreams finally finds back the feeling of being the center of attention. She smiles, "Let's introduce ourselves."

"I'm BlueDreams. Wow, ReedWeiWei (*HumbleReed*), I can't believe how pretty you are!" a girl wearing a purple t-shirt introduces herself first.

"SandWashingLargeWaves. We fought the Dragon King of [Lake Tai](#) together."

"Tobacco."

"Hi, I'm DeepPupils."

"Tony here."

"I'm StopAndGo."

"LordOfVibratingDuck, haha" .....

Those who spoke are the players who have interacted with Wei Wei before. The following two are new members of the guild after Wei Wei left.

"My name is a bit hard to pronounce. You can just call me Albus."

"Beautiful, you can call me BlueWaterLake."

There are four to five other people who have not spoken yet. The guy beside LittleRainYaoYao (*LittleRainEnchantress*) looks as if he wants to say something, but he stops abruptly after saying "I-."

The man beside ButterflyDreams stands up. Just from the way he looks and dresses, it's apparent that he has already joined the workforce. He holds up his glass to gesture a toast towards Wei Wei, "Reed, I'm BattleTheWorld. We've had some unhappy moments in the game, but now that we're here, let's put the past behind us."

“Of course,” Wei Wei says generously.

It’s clear that BattleTheWorld’s words are not only meant for Wei Wei, but also for the LittleRain clan. LittleRainYaoYao says elegantly, “I’m LittleRainYaoYao. ReedWeiWei, it’s nice to finally meet you.”

Although LittleRainYaoYao is polite in her speech, but her words make others uncomfortable; everyone in the room feels cold sweat running down their backs. Wei Wei obviously knows the deeper meaning of her words, but even though she possesses a sharp tongue, she has no interest to entertain her. She shines a smile and says gracefully, “Hello.”

The young man beside her attempts to speak again. He’s finally able to look at Wei Wei directly, “I’m RealWaterIsScentless.”

The two girls on the other side of LittleRainYaoYao stare at each other for a moment and say reluctantly, “LittleRainQingQing (*LittleRainForeverYoung*).”

“LittleRainMianMian (*ContinuousLittleRain*).”

After the introductions, everyone can’t help but circle their inquisitive gazes between Wei Wei, RealWaterIsScentless, and LittleRainYaoYao. Everyone finally stops when LittleRainYaoYao starts to look irritated.

RealWaterIsScentless stands up to call for a waiter. He orders a few more bottles of expensive red wine and says imposingly, “It’s my treat today. Please help yourself.”

“This is too expensive, isn’t it?”

“RealWater, you’re so rich.”

Everyone is in awe of the price of the red wine.

BattleTheWorld smiles, “If it weren’t for RealWater treating us, we wouldn’t be eating here. Each dish costs three digits.”

LittleRainYaoYao smiles politely, “I was the one who brought up this gathering, so of course he needs to treat everyone.”

Watching her talk like she’s the queen at the table, ButterflyDreams sneers in annoyance. She turns to Wei Wei and comments deliberately, “Wei Wei, your dress is really nice. It suits your body so well. How much did you buy it for?”

Wei Wei glances at her, shifts her gaze away, and says, “I just bought it randomly. I don’t remember.”

Everybody’s attention is on Wei Wei again. They start talking enthusiastically to her.

Albus asks, “ReedWeiWei, how should we address you?”

She’s probably asking for her real name. Wei Wei doesn’t know her well, so she pretends that she doesn’t get it, “Just call me Reed.”

“Wei Wei, I remember that you’re a student. Which school do you go to?”

This is BlueDreams asking. Wei Wei knows her a bit better, but her question has put her on a tough spot. If she doesn’t answer or try to be vague, it’ll make her embarrassed, but she doesn’t want to tell them the truth. Wei Wei has always been protective of her privacy to avoid any problems. There is no way that she’ll reveal her true information under this circumstance. Therefore, she thinks for a moment and smiles, “The food at our school is delicious.”

She is speaking the truth; the food at University A is indeed quite delicious. However, the following saying is widely spread among students of City B: University A for the brand name, University X for the gossip, E for the beauties, and H for the men.....

BlueDreams has indeed misunderstood her words as she says, “So you’re from University X. Which program are you in?”

Wei Wei skips over the first question and answers, “Computer Science.”

“I’m also in Computer Science at University X!” an excited voice suddenly interrupts. The player named, Tobacco, stares at Wei Wei in full of surprise, but he immediately questions, “But how come I haven’t seen you before?”

The rest of the table also stares at Wei Wei suspiciously.

Can there be such a coincidence?

Wei Wei is struck dumb inside her heart, but her face is still calm. Just as she is about to speak, LittleRainQingQing chuckles and says sarcastically, “I heard that there are some working women who likes to say that they are University students.”

No one was expecting her to say something like this, so everyone is stunned.

Wei Wei is raging with fire inside. Her eyes turn cold as she directs her gaze at her and scorns, "How come a young girl like you have a mind that is full of dirty thoughts?"

Wei Wei, who's gorgeous to begin with, is now donning a sullen face, which actually makes her look condescending; not only for LittleRainQingQing, but also for everyone else at the table.

LittleRainQingQing is startled by her gaze; she subconsciously shifts and avoids eye-contact.

Wei Wei's disgust for her is growing by the minute just from looking at her. She turns her head away steadily and asks Tobacco, "Which campus are you in?"

The reason why Wei Wei chooses to mask herself as a student of University X is because she has accompanied Er Xi once to meet up with some computer science students at University X. Therefore, she knows quite a bit about University X's Computer Science department.

Tobacco answers, "The Quan Shan campus."  
"You can't move to the main campus until the third year, right?" Wei Wei asks prudently.

Tobacco is suddenly enlightened, "You're a Senior from the main campus? No wonder I haven't seen you before, but you don't look older than me at all."

Wei Wei smiles and doesn't comment.

Although Wei Wei is pulchritudinous, her gaze is pure and decorous; definitely doesn't suggest one to think otherwise. The group already thinks that LittleRainQingQing is stupid for what she said, and after hearing Wei Wei's "explanation," they're even more convinced that LittleRainQingQing has no manners and that her mind is indeed full of dirty thoughts.

LittleRainQingQing's arrogance has been completely obliterated by Wei Wei. Although she's loath, she backs down and turns to LittleRainYaoYao to say something.

The atmosphere is a little awkward after the commotion she has caused.

ButterflyDreams, feeling satisfied in her heart, takes the initiative to dissipate the conflict, bringing life back to the table.

Wei Wei has already decided to leave early, but she doesn't show it. Whenever someone glances at her, she takes a bite of her food calmly.

A few streaks of lightning suddenly appear outside of the window, followed with thunder. After a brief moment, it starts to rain, capturing everyone's attention.

"Why does it keep raining these days?"

"It's okay. We're going for karaoke right after and it's just right beside here anyway, so we won't get wet."

Wei Wei's cell phone rings amid the discussion. She pulls it out from her bag; it's Xiao Nai as she has expected. Since Wei Wei is sitting on the inner side of the room, it would be too obvious if she gets up and walks outside, so she picks it up from where she is.

"It's raining. I'll come get you."

"Mm," Wei Wei answers seeing that everybody is about done with their meals, "you can come over now."

"Okay."

Xiao Nai knows the place, so he hangs up without further ado.

The chattering has come to a stop and all eyes are on Wei Wei. BlueDreams asks curiously, "Wei Wei, is it your boyfriend?"

Wei Wei nods without hesitation.

ButterflyDreams takes a peek at RealWaterIsScentless and LittleRainYaoYao's reactions and says quickly, "Wei Wei, why are you in a hurry to leave? We're going for karaoke right after, why don't you join us?"

Another person sitting on the side cheers, "Yeah! Let us hear the beautiful girl sing."

"Ask your boyfriend to come with us."

"My singing is very average," Wei Wei smiles politely, "and I have something



else to do later, so sorry, I cannot go.”

The crowd doesn't give up, but Wei Wei doesn't sway as she has already made up her mind. They finish their meals soon after and RealWaterIsScentless generously pays for everyone with his credit card. Everyone starts to make their way to the entrance.

Wei Wei stands at the front doors to wait for Xiao Nai. Everyone else also stands with her with no intentions to leave; they tease that they want to see what a beautiful girl's boyfriend looks like.

Wei Wei is a bit annoyed, but since the place isn't hers, she can't say anything to chase them away.

LittleRainYaoYao is also standing at the front doors. Although her expression shows that she is simply following the crowd, she is also curious to see what ReedWeiWei's boyfriend looks like. She feels victorious just for the fact that RealWaterIsScentless is handsome and rich, which is a rare catch.

The rain gets heavier.

A sedan slows as it comes near through the rain. The crowd can tell that it must be Wei Wei's boyfriend just from her gaze; they can't help but feel excited.

LittleRainQingQing says condescendingly, “This car isn't anything spectacular. It's not as nice as what RealWater drives, right, YaoYao?”

LittleRainYaoYao glances at Wei Wei while holding onto RealWaterIsScentless's hand to announce her possession. RealWaterIsScentless's eyes flick towards Wei Wei subconsciously, but see that she isn't looking his way at all because her focus has been completely drawn away by the car coming near. He feels a bit of bitterness in his heart.

In the night, the car slowly stops at the bottom of the steps. The car door opens, and a tall and straight silhouette holding an umbrella in the rain walks up to the restaurant.

Under the pouring rain, regardless of whether or not people walking on the streets are holding umbrellas, they all seem drenched and in a hurry. The silhouette is also walking quickly, yet it's taking steady strides. It's as if everyone else has suddenly turned into the lifeless background of a painting and he alone

is walking with his umbrella in it.

He gradually makes his way up the stairs, and his facial features become clearer under the light. Xiao Nai has always been good looking, but his strong personality often overshadows this. However, under the glowing neon signs right now, his dashing figure and charming good looks captivates everyone in a heartbeat.

LittleRainQingQing and the rest are completely stunned by his radiance.

Wei Wei doesn't like the gazes of LittleRainQingQing and the others; she doesn't wait for Xiao Nai to come all the way before she bids goodbye to ButterflyDreams and the rest, "Enjoy the rest of the evening, everyone. I'm leaving now."

ButterflyDreams attempts to persuade her to stay again, "Wei Wei, why not ask your boyfriend to come join us too?"

"No, it's okay," Wei Wei gives a slight smile and declines firmly, "He's rather shy and doesn't like to be around strangers."

There is clearly an underlying meaning to her words, making ButterflyDreams unable to say anything more.

Xiao Nai has already made it to Wei Wei while she was talking. Wei Wei walks into his umbrella.

"Let's go."

Xiao Nai knows that Wei Wei was supposed to meet with ButterflyDreams only. But seeing the crowd standing together, it's obvious that things turned out differently, yet he doesn't ask about it. He's used to being arrogant, so he doesn't bother saying hi or even glancing at them; he leads Wei Wei down the stairs to leave.

Everyone silently watches them walk away. Just as the two beautiful silhouettes holding an umbrella are about to disappear into the rain, LittleRainQingQing bites her lips and suddenly shouts, "Hey! Your girlfriend has gotten married to a couple of guys in the game already, did you know?"

Wei Wei stops her footsteps in bewilderment. She turns to look at her full of

thought. They haven't walked too far, so she can capture LittleRainQingQing's expression fully; her face is twisted and her eyes are blazing with the intent to kill.

"She has cheated in her relationships in the game. She has bad reputation, and everybody here knows that. A handsome guy like you shouldn't be fooled by her."

Wei Wei has grown up in a pure and innocent world; it's really her first time meeting someone as obnoxious as LittleRainQingQing. She can't even find words to describe her. Disgust overflows in Wei Wei's heart. Her eyes turn glacial as she is about to speak, but Xiao Nai stops her.

Wei Wei glances at him, thinking that he's going to reveal himself as ASmileNaiHe, but he suddenly shows a despondent face. He stares at her as he says the words softly with deep emotional love, "As long as she is willing to be with me, I won't mind these things."

Their car is miles away now, but just from thinking about LittleRainQingQing's grimace back at the restaurant, Wei Wei can't contain her laughter, causing her shoulders to shake.

LittleRainQingQing probably wanted to break up her and the Great Master, but who knew that the Great Master would be unbothered by the possibility of her cheating. He displayed true devotion to her regardless. This probably makes LittleRainQingQing even more begrudged and agitated.

Wei Wei can't agree more that the Great Master is better than her more than just a bit in terms of offending and making others angry.

Xiao Nai continues driving impassively.

After absorbing herself in glee for a moment, Wei Wei suddenly asks Xiao Nai, "If I really do cheat on you, would you mind?"

"No," Xiao Nai answers nonchalantly.

Eh? Wei Wei stares at him in shock; she thought he would be angry enough to kill.

Noticing her dubious gaze, Xiao Nai chuckles. He stops the car on a red light,

and turns to look at her, “At most, if you try to climb over the wall one inch, I’ll layer it up an inch. If you try to walk a meter away, I’ll follow you a meter.” (*I’ll do anything to stop you from cheating*)

Although his voice is soft, his words shudders Wei Wei’s heart; there’s a tinge of feeling inside that she cannot explain.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 45

## Part 45: Let Me Be Your Follower

After that day, ButterflyDreams called Wei Wei to apologize. Wei Wei told her politely that it was okay. She was able to tell her “it was okay” so easily because Wei Wei will not consider her as a friend anymore.

Perhaps she had a reason; something she could not explain to her. But friends shouldn't deceive and use each other like that.

ButterflyDreams seemed to realize this and can only let out a sigh. She never contacted Wei Wei again.

Wei Wei continues to be a lively little intern. She has become more and more familiar with the employees at Zhi Yi, but there is a downside to knowing each other too well. For example, just the day before, when she suggested some recommendations for the family simulation content at the creativity brainstorming meeting, although everyone applauded the idea, they quickly went awry.

“Sigh, Junior Classmate, we're a group of unlucky children who have never fallen in love before. We'll have to rely on you to come up with ideas for the family simulation gameplay.”

“Yes, yes. Just write down all the things you want to do with Big Brother Xiao. That is creativity right there.”

“Hehheh,” someone snickers, “Good thing that it's not what Big Brother Xiao wants to do with Junior Classmate.”

The crowd immediately laughs wickedly together, “That would be restricted content.”

Wei Wei stares up to the ceiling in speechlessness and thinks in her heart. She can already look forward to her more and more intrepid future.

Xiao Nai has an appointment to discuss partnership with a client in the

afternoon, so Wei Wei, YuGong, and MoZhaHim are going to lunch together. The mysterious master KO actually shows up with MoZhaHim.

The server gives the menu to the only female guest at the table. Wei Wei takes the menu and hands it over to KO, “Senior KO, why don’t you order?”

KO shakes his head coolly.

MoZhaHim asks feeling upset, “How come you never call me Senior Hao?”

Everyone is older than Wei Wei at the office, so Wei Wei always addresses everyone by “Senior” so and so; she even calls YuGong a Senior, boosting his already very big ego. Wei Wei also calls Xiao Nai a Senior at work, but it’s only MoZhaHim that she doesn’t address him as “Senior Hao.” She calls him Senior Beauty.

Hearing MoZhaHim complain, Wei Wei explains helplessly, “.....If I call you that, the Great Master will kill me.”

MoZhaHim thinks for a moment and realizes the problem, so he quickly says, “It’s best that you don’t call me that then. He won’t kill you, he’ll just kill me.”

Senior Hao, Senior *Hao*~~~ (“*Good Senior*”, *my favorite Senior*)

YuGong recites it twice and is also enlightened. He snickers at the thought.

After ordering their dishes hastily, the three of them chat while waiting. It’s only the three of them chatting because KO doesn’t talk. As they chit chat, MoZhaHim suddenly laments, “Actually, I had a relationship in an online game before.”

Wei Wei asks curiously, “With whom? How come we’ve never heard about it?”

MoZhaHim explains, “It’s not in ‘Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes.’ I played a different one before that called, ‘Fantasy Planet.’ I played as a doctor in it.”

Although Wei Wei has never played “Fantasy Planet,” she has browsed the website before and knows about the Doctor character. Wei Wei says in shock, “You played as a female character!?”

“Hehheh, the character matches my esthetic tastes.”

The dishes are brought to the table one after the other. MoZhaHim continues

while eating, “After playing for a while, I saw others getting married, so I also wanted to get married.”

“Uh, Senior, weren’t you playing as a female character? Were you looking for a man?”

“No! I was planning to find a [cross-player](#).”

.....Is that acceptable?

In the gaming world, male-to-female cross-players are guys who play as female characters; female-to-male cross-players are girls who play as male characters. Due to each player’s taste, female-to-male cross-players are just as popular as male-to-female cross-players.

“In the game, there is a character named FloweryArrow. Its personality was very girly. Basically, a normal guy would not choose this character, but girls liked it a lot, and a lot of them played as this character. Therefore, I wanted to marry a FloweryArrow. I especially looked for girl with a poetic name called something like HandPickingStars.”

“This name is very bold and lofty. Why does it have to be a girl?”

MoZhaHim says feeling victimized, “I thought only girls would like to pick stars. In order to show that I’m a person with depth, I purposely avoided asking about her gender, but after we were in a relationship for a month, she turned out to be a male-to-female cross-player among the female-to-male cross-players!”

So complicated. Swirls are rotating on Wei Wei’s eyes, “So was it a he or a she?”

YuGong, who knows the inside scoop, explains, “It means that it was a guy.”

“What happened then?”

“Nothing. Ever since I found out that it was a guy, I stopped playing the game.”

After a moment of being struck dumb, Wei Wei omnisciently says, “Senior Beauty, I can’t believe you’re blaming it on the other person. You’re the one who pretended to be a girl and deceived the other player’s feelings. To add to that, you didn’t end what you started.”

“‘Didn’t end what you started.’ Yes, that’s the perfect idiom to use, third

sister-in-law,” YuGong nods furiously.

MoZhaHim cries, “My motive was innocent and pure!”

Usually, the reticent KO doesn’t comment on anything; he’s always quietly eating his food, and then quietly watching others eat when he’s finished. He finishes eating quietly as well this time, but right after he puts his chopsticks down, he stares at MoZhaHim and actually opens his mouth, “Was the server you were playing on called, Chang’an Under The Moon?”

MoZhaHim asks in shock, “How did you know?”

KO maintains his stern expression and says coldly, “Because I was the male-to-female cross-player playing as a female-to-male cross-player.”

Without even finishing their food, YuGong and Wei Wei find an excuse and leave. The moment they step out, YuGong exhales a long breath, “It’s so scary with all the thunder roars and sparks of fire in there.”

Wei Wei agrees, feeling the same, “Those glaring eyes are vicious!”

“This is fate.”

“It’s definitely an ill fate.”

“Junior Classmate!”

“Senior Classmate!”

“Let’s get back to the office.”

“Mm.”

When Wei Wei and Xiao Nai arrive at the doorstep of Zhi Yi the next day, MoZhaHim immediately comes running over, “Third Brother, you be the judge! KO is committing sexual harassment at a workplace!”

“How did he harass you?” Wei Wei asks, but quickly realizes that it came out wrong due to speaking too fast. Wei Wei lowers her voice and asks again in a serious manner, “Senior, how did he harass you. Please tell us in full details. We will definitely take care of this!”

MoZhaHim says full of resentment, “He is forcing me to go on that awful game and get married with him!”



Wei Wei is now getting worked up while taking his side, “How can he do that?! That’s too much!”

“Yeah! He said he was made fun of by others, so now he wants to reclaim his territory. Holy shit! The players of that game are probably long gone! What territory does he want to reclaim!?”

Wei Wei just can’t help herself from wavering, “Senior KO also has a point. You were the one who deceived him after all, so you should take responsibility.”

MoZhaHim glances at her depressingly, and then turns over to the more dependable Xiao Nai, “Third Brother, you must do what’s right!”

But the words that Xiao Nai says surprise everybody, “This is not bad. I was originally worried about not being able to keep KO here. Looks like I don’t anymore.”

MoZhaHim stares at Xiao Nai in full of sadness and as if he was betrayed, “Third Brother, how can you be so heartless? How can you let me go marry him?”

Xiao Nai murmurs, “What if I give you a bonus?”

MoZhaHim immediately answers with full of energy, “I will do it for a thousand bucks.”

Xiao Nai assesses him from head to toe.

MoZhaHim holds his chest out high and expresses his stance of giving “no bargaining” room further.

Xiao Nai thinks for a moment, and nods.

MoZhaHim cheers and dashes to the programming department right away, “KO, let’s go get married. I’ll treat you to a big meal tonight to celebrate!”

Everyone around them quietly disperse while chatting about them.

“Big Brother Mei views virginity too lightly.”

“Men these days! It’s rare to find someone like me who is morally upright!”

“Big Brother Xiao’s reward is too high! How can Big Brother Mei be worth a thousand bucks? He should have taken a fifty percent discount along with a

freebie!”

“Since Big Brother Mei is marrying KO, should we start calling him Beautiful Brother Mei?” (*‘Mei Mei Ge’ — ‘Mei Mei’ has the same pronunciation as pretty girl*)

“Great name! Beautiful Brother Mei, we want to be invited to the banquet, or at least hand out some wedding candies!”

Under the joyous (?) atmosphere, summer comes close to the end. Wei Wei starts putting some time aside to write her internship experience report. Although Wei Wei is a good student, her reports often can’t escape the habit of being wordy with no substance. However, it won’t happen this time; there are a load of things that she has to write about, but of course, she will be careful not to reveal any inside secrets on the Great Master’s company.

Just when her report is half done, Xiao Nai suddenly says one day, “How about we go somewhere for vacation?”

Wei Wei blinks, “Where?”

“Xi’an.”

She has never been to Xi’an before, but will she have enough money to go there for vacation? There’s no way that she will call home and ask for money since she told her parents that she was doing an internship at City B.

Wei Wei is in a complete dilemma.

Xiao Nai doesn’t need to ask to know what’s troubling her mind, “I’ll cover all of the expenses. Take it that it’s part of the internship.”

Wei Wei asks feeling a little embarrassed, “Will I...have my own hotel room to stay in?”

Xiao Nai glances at her, “For the sake of my innocence that goes without saying.”

Wei Wei wraps her hands around his arm, “Big Brother Xiao, you’re too kind! Let me be your follower.”

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 46

## Part 46: The “Perfect” Vacation

Two days later, a finger-pointing scene appeared at Beijing airport. A gorgeous and alluring woman panting (causing spectators) and dragging a huge suitcase forward, while a tall refined man walks leisurely next to her, empty handed.

Numerous pairs of eyes look at Xiao Nai with disdain.

But what kind of person is Xiao Nai? That calm expression of his causes all men who work like a horse to become jealous to death.

Wei Wei happily sits on the plane eating a not-bad-tasting airplane meal.

But there is no free meal in the world.

As the plane is about to land at Xi'an airport, Xiao Nai folds up his newspaper and says indifferently, “That’s right, my parents are also in Xi’an. Do you want to go see them in passing?”

Wei Wei blinks, then blinks again...

Wei Wei never gets airsick, but she’s feeling it now even though the plane is about to land.

Wei Wei passes many days in dismay.

Xi'an's delicious food can't save her. [Mount Hua](#)'s strange elegance can't save her. [Giant Wild Good Pagoda](#)'s magnificence also can't save her. The origin of her dismay is all from the very last day. That day, she is going to go see the Great Master's parents.

“How does your Mom and Dad know about me?” Wei Wei asks with hidden bitterness.

“Their coworkers told him.”

“...Why are the professors at our school even gossipers.” Wei Wei becomes even more bitter.

“Geomancy?” (*feng shui, foresight*)

“...T\_\_T”

It’s over, even the Great Master’s cold jokes can’t save her.

Xiao Nai’s parents are undertaking a huge excavation project in some county in Xi’an that the whole country has its eyes on. They only return to Xi’an to rest on the weekends, so even when Wei Wei and Xiao Nai went to that county, they didn’t get to see them.

But, it would have been better to see them earlier.

On the second to last day, Wei Wei’s terrified heart has reached its peak. So she does a shocking thing: she drags the Great Master to go buy clothes. Actually, before Wei Wei came back to City B, she used the excuse of “the internship environment is very formal and requires nice outfits” to ruthlessly extort quite a number of dresses from her mom. But she didn’t bring any of the dresses to Xi’an.

She thought it was only a sightseeing trip. All the outfits she brought were fairly convenient such as capri pants and t-shirts. To see the Great Master’s parents while wearing these types of clothes will seem too casual.

“What kind of clothes does your mom like?”

“Why don’t you ask about my dad?”

“...”

Wei Wei gives him a look, barely feeling like replying to him. Of course it’s the mother-in-law’s opinion that’s the most important! No, No, not mother-in-law... Wei Wei immediately corrects herself inside, but then quickly realizes, this isn’t too different from meeting the mother-in-law...

Why does she have the feeling that she’s meeting the in-laws when she’s only twenty? T\_\_T

“How’s this one?”

“Too plain.” After receiving a doubtful eye, someone supplements, “according to my mom’s tastes.”

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"This one?"

"Too light."

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"This one?"

Head shake.

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"Then, this one?"

"...My mom will like it."

Wei Wei looks down at the dress in her hands. Actually, the dress that she is holding has at least a hundred butterflies on it...it is said that the Great Master's mother is clearly very well learned. How can she like this type of clothes?

"You're tricking me again = ="

Xiao Nai laughs, "I suddenly remembered. Did you also buy clothes like this the first time you saw me?"

"...No, I just casually put on a burlap bag = ="

Wei Wei nearly buys a burlap colored dress. Good thing Xiao Nai prevents her in time, promising over and over again that even though his parents dealt with archaeological work, they definitely don't like colors similar to dirt. In the end, Wei Wei wears a very conservative beige colored dress to see the Great Master's parents.

However, it turns out the Great Master wasn't tricking her this time. The next day, when eating with the Great Master's parents, Great Master's mom stresses to her, with incomparable kindness, "Young girls don't need to dress so plainly."

...The Great Master's mom is clearly wearing something very succinct and very elegant herself. What is her actual taste ==?

However, what's even more unexpected to Wei Wei than the Great Master's mom's taste is that they are actually very very kind; not at all with the aloofness that they were said to have. It really is just casually meeting together and having

a meal. They don't ask her any questions. On the contrary, they actually tell quite a bit of stories from their excavation.

This makes Wei Wei baffled. With two such well tempered parents, how did they give birth to a son like the Great Master...

Yet she doesn't realize that it's impossible for his parents to to put up a bad front when they're meeting the person who has finally moved their son's heart.

A long time later, Wei Wei finally understood why Professor Lin was so satisfied with her. Reportedly, a little after the Great Master and her got together, Professor Lin received the news that her son had started dating. Since she heard that the girl was in the computer science department, Professor Lin went to her neighbor, the director of the computer science department to understand more about Wei Wei's situation.

The director of the computer science department at University A was a successful career woman who maintained her professionalism in administering the department. But the problem was, she was very strict on etiquette, and had no room for excuses. Her nickname from University A's students was Master of Elimination.

However, when Professor Lin asked, the director of the department actually praised Wei Wei without ceasing. Professor Lin was both happy and worried. She was happy that the girl was definitely not bad, worried that, if the Master of Elimination praised her without ceasing, her son's girlfriend might be a little Eliminator.

Now she sees Wei Wei being so natural and unrestrained, even though her attire is quite plain and simple, she's still, basically, gorgeously dressed. Professor Lin is overjoyed at the news; relieved and satisfied.

At an ordinary restaurant in Xi'an, the first meeting between Wei Wei and the Great Master's parents gradually nears the end. It isn't until the last moment when Wei Wei, who has completely relaxed, gets to know — Professor Lin. She is indeed Xiao Nai's mother.

They are both experts at saying the crucial point at the last moment —

Beaming, Professor Lin says, "Your flight is tomorrow right? Ours is also, we

just happen to go together with you.”

Thus, Wei Wei flies back together with the Great Master’s parents. Because classes are about to start, they also had to return to the school to prepare the coursework.

The even more tragic part is that there are many professors from her own school on the plane who look at her affectionately the entire time...

In short, Wei Wei’s summer internship starts off with “eloping” and ends with “meeting the in-laws.” It is quite a perfect anomaly. She definitely had no qualms about the “Outstanding” she later receives on her report of her summer internship.

Classes start directly after they return to City B. Only after the rush of the first week of classes does Wei Wei have time to go onto Dream Voyage in Rivers and Lakes. She received a pile of messages.

The earliest is at the end of August from StormGoddessNiNi.

“I haven’t been on in a few days and LittleRainQingQing has actually left the guild. Hahaha. Even though I don’t know why, it’s a good feeling.”

That same day, after a few hours.

“Faint. I know what happened. What’s up with this? She is really too despicable. Even LittleRainYaoYao isn’t saying anything. Everyone in the guild all despise her now.”

“Wei Wei how come you went to the meet up? Everyone says that you are a super beauty and says that your boyfriend can’t get any more handsome. O(∩\_∩)O~ I really want to see!”

The next message is at the beginning of September, from Tobacco.

“You aren’t a student from my school, right? I went to ask. Haha. That’s what I was saying. If there was such a beauty, how could I not have known.”

“Beautiful girl, don’t worry. I will definitely keep the secret for you.”

The next message is from StormGoddessNiNi, from two day ago.

“Wei Wei, what’s up with this? The people in the guild are saying that you



pretended to be a college student.”

“They say that you pretended to be a student from University X. Tobacco says that you aren’t a student from his school. What’s up with this? Is there some sort of misunderstanding? Wei Wei, I believe you.”

Wei Wei is speechless thinking about the previous message from Tobacco making a solemn vow.

StormGoddessNiNi is online at the time. When she sees Wei Wei come on, she immediately sends information to Wei Wei.

“Wei Wei, I can’t stand it anymore. The guild is so sickening.”

“What’s wrong?”

“RealWater and LittleRainYaoYao go around saying wifey this and hubby that all day. Sending mounts and clothes. As if they’re afraid others don’t know how much they love each other. Even though it was sickening before, it wasn’t as exaggerated as this.”

StormGoddessNiNi’s complaining comes line after line, “They even say that the college LittleRainYaoYao is studying at is very awesome. Please, my school is even better than hers and I don’t even boast about it.”

After StormGoddessNiNi complains for awhile.

“Wei Wei...”

“Hm?”

“Are you really a great beauty? They even say that your boyfriend is handsome beyond belief...”

The Great Master is indeed quite inhuman...

Embarrassed, Wei Wei sends a bashful emoticon shocking StormGoddessNiNi. She suddenly arrives at a thought and says, “Ah! Your boyfriend can’t be ASmileNaiHe, can it!?”

Wei Wei, “...”

This isn’t something that needs to be concealed, Wei Wei says, “That’s right  
^ \_ ^”

"Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!" StormGodessNiNi goes crazy,  
 "When did you guys start!! Did it start online and then developed to real life?  
 Ahhhhhh, never thought that ASmileNaiHe could be that handsome!!!"

The messages are sent over in quick succession. Wei Wei's hand is getting sore from clicking "Next Message." Only after saying what needs to be said to satisfy her curiosity does StormGoddessNiNi calm down.

StormGoddessNiNi sends a row of ROFL emoticons, “When I think about how LittleRainQingQing tried to instigate something between you in ASmileNaiHe’s presence, it makes me laugh to death. Hahahahahahaha, if she knew about this, she’d probably ram her head into a wall!”

StormGoddessNiNi, “Wei Wei, can I say that ASmileNaiHe is your boyfriend?  
(Praying emoticon)”

This didn't matter. Plus, the Great Master likes status very much. Wei Wei says, "Do as you wish..."

“Hahaha, this is great. I will definitely find a perfect time to say it.”  
StormGoddessNiNi is excited for quite a long time before recalling something,  
“What about the thing with University X?”

Wei Wei thinks about it and replies, “[Ji Xianlin](#) (*linguist and Indologist*) once said, ‘never tell lies, but don’t always tell the whole truth.’”

StormGoddessNiNi blanks for a bit, “Faint, I think I kind of understand but also don’t really understand...But you aren’t angry that they are saying you pretended to be a college student?”

"It doesn't matter ^ ^."

Compared to those rumors in the game, it is more important to not let those people and things that she doesn't like in the game to disturb her real life.

In any case, they are strangers in real life.

They don't even know who she is, can't affect her in any way, and they probably won't see each other again. So why care about what they say behind her back?

Apologies for the delay in posting. Life got in the way. Since tofudessert is

much more on top of things than I am, expect the next chapter to be out soon after this one!

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 47

## Part 47: The Never Setting Sun

Wei Wei didn't think she would see RealWaterIsScentless again; and at University A, her own school, to add to that.

The day when Wei Wei went to the library to return some books, she bumped into a few of her male classmates; they greeted each other by nodding, and that was when she saw RealWaterIsScentless standing beside one of her classmates in shock.

Wei Wei also nodded towards him, and walked passed him.

She could hear her classmates talking behind her, "Did you see? We also have pretty girls at University A. She is our department's number one beauty. Not bad compared to your school's top beauty, right?....."

That brief encounter is quickly forgotten by Wei Wei. It has been a month since school has started, and she has been busy going from point A to B; not only she has to go to school, she's also working at the Great Master's company, so she really doesn't have time to think about other things.

It was YuGong's advice for her to continue working at Zhi Yi.

One day during lunch, YuGong said, "Third sister-in-law, just continue working at the company after school starts. Come whenever you're free. You'll learn a lot more practical things at the company than in books."

Wei Wei was convinced. She learned a lot of things fast at Zhi Yi. With many talented experts at the company, she was able to learn new and useful things just from following them around. Furthermore, apart from the enjoyable working environment, she couldn't put Dream Voyage 2 down, and of course..... being able to look at the Great Master a few more times a day was also a bonus.

MoZhaHim added, "Just be a contractor. Third Brother, you should give her a good wage."

Wei Wei said, “I don’t need any pay. I just need a free meal ==”

Xiao Nai nodded, “That’s good. Just deposit her pay to my account.”

Wei Wei, “>o<”

MoZhaHim, “.....”

MonkeyWine, who returned from summer holidays to continue his graduate studies, spoke everyone’s mind out bravely, “Third Brother, you’re too shameless.”

Therefore, Wei Wei is still a free working intern at Zhi Yi. It’s October. Besides work as usual, Zhi Yi Technology (*Devoted Technology*) is also busy with working on Dream Voyage 2 promotions.

Dream Voyage 2 promotions are finally starting to roll out.

Before this, there weren’t a lot of buzz for Dream Voyage 2 on the internet. This was partly because everyone felt that having a prolonged promotional period would lower the anticipation, and the other reason was due to the possible impacts on Dream Voyage 1. Now that Dream Voyage 2 is out for initial testing, the promotions are also in time.

Designing the website, gathering information, making various promotional clips, and planning for various events.....Wei Wei is working frantically with the product management department.

But even so, Wei Wei doesn’t forget to log onto Dream Voyage 1 to feed her tiger cub. She can’t give up on her attempt to raise her cub’s stats; she’ll feel like she has left something undone. It’s quite costly to raise a cub, so Wei Wei often makes some armor and sell them at the marketplace. She has arranged to meet with a buyer at 8pm tonight, but one of her classes suddenly gets rescheduled to night time, leaving her with no choice but to ask Xiao Nai to complete the trade.

Xiao Nai naturally knows her username and password. He logs in on time at 8pm with her account and completes the transaction with the buyer. Just as he is about to go offline, RealWaterIsScentless appears in front of him.

His appearance doesn’t stir any emotions from Xiao Nai. Xiao Nai continues to move his mouse towards the red “x” at the upper right hand corner. At an

instant just before he clicks on it, two characters appear on screen.

“Wei Wei.”

RealWaterIsScentless calls out: “Wei Wei.”

It has been a long time since he last called her “Wei Wei.” He used to call her “Wei Wei” when they were married. After they divorced, he switched to “ReedWei.” He can’t help but feel a bit of nervousness for calling her “Wei Wei” again. He feels a tint of hope seeing that there isn’t any negative reaction from ReedWeiWei.

RealWaterIsScentless doesn’t know why he called ReedWeiWei. Ever since he saw ReedWeiWei in person during the summer, he felt a bit upset inside his heart; he often became absentminded when he was with LittleRainYaoYao.

It was not until Tobacco told him that there was no such person as ReedWeiWei at University X that he finally felt better; his passion came back for LittleRainYaoYao. LittleRainYaoYao has higher education than ReedWeiWei, so he definitely made the right choice to be with her. In order to prove that his true love had not changed, he bought dozens of gifts for LittleRainYaoYao. Although his actions and behaviour pleased YaoYao, he was also trying to persuade himself.

And then he saw ReedWeiWei again at University A.

She’s actually a University A student?!

RealWaterIsScentless felt awful. The nausea feeling rose to the top when he heard from StormGoddessNiNi that ReedWeiWei’s boyfriend was ASmileNaiHe.

If.....he hadn’t divorced her, would her boyfriend.....be him?

Regardless of how many twists and turns RealWaterIsScentless’s heart has gone through, after calling out to Wei Wei just now, he suddenly doesn’t know what to say to her. Thankfully, there aren’t a lot of passersby in the area to witness his embarrassment. And just like fate, they happen to be at a place where they once completed a quest together before.

RealWaterIsScentless finally finds something that he can talk about; he starts to reminisce.

Xiao Nai doesn't have the patience to listen to his touching stories word for word, but he also doesn't stop him. He continues to busy himself with work and only taking an occasional glance at the screen. When RealWaterIsScentless asks ReedWeiWei why she hasn't said a word and if it's because she has fallen offline, he moves her legs a bit.

Seeing her legs move is like encouragement for RealWaterIsScentless, so he continues further down memory lane. When RealWaterIsScentless is finally out of things to say, Xiao Nai moves his mouse over to the conversation window and types the following:

"I am ASmileNaiHe."

[Instakill!](#)

[KO!](#)

A few seconds later, RealWaterIsScentless disappears in front of ReedWeiWei for good.

Xiao Nai never mentions this to Wei Wei, so naturally, she doesn't know that he instakilled his love rival with just three words. Wei Wei continues to feed her little tiger. When she doesn't have enough money to buy medicine, she would log in using ASmileNaiHe's account and transfer some funds over. He also has responsibility to raise the little tiger anyway, so it's only right for him to help out.

The end of October approaches in the midst of everybody's busy schedule; all the preparations are ready for launch at the company. Dream Voyage 2's website opens with all the promotional advertisements and videos. Its visitor count achieves record breaking results on the first day; the promotional ads and videos are widely re-posted and/or forwarded to many other online gaming forums.

Wei Wei spends several hours skimming through the forum posts before she remembers to go back to Dream Voyage 1 to take a look; there should be many people discussing about it there too. Sure enough, the moment she logs in, she sees a bunch of players talking about Dream Voyage 2 on the world channel. The majority praises the game, while a few still have some reservations, worrying that their equipment will become lower valued. Many are anticipating for the beta release and are discussing on how they can get an invite for it.

Wei Wei is happy that the Great Master's game is getting so many compliments, but deep inside, she feels a sense of loss after hearing everybody say that they will go play Dream Voyage 2. She is walking aimlessly around Chang'an when Xiao Nai messages her to say that his meeting is over. Wei Wei replies him: "I'm in Dream Voyage 1. Come online. A lot of people are talking about Dream Voyage 2."

Not long after, the white robed musician comes on. The two of them hides their statuses and go for a stroll on the streets of Chang'an, watching others busy themselves around them. Wei Wei says, "Now that Dream Voyage 2 is out, Dream Voyage 1 is the most impacted. Will it eventually stop running as less and less people come play?"

"No. Dream Voyage 1 will continue running," as Feng Teng's (*Soaring Wind*) partner, Xiao Nai obvious knows this very well.

"But Dream Voyage 2 will definitely attract a lot of people over. If players continue to decrease, the gaming company will shut the server down at some point, wouldn't it?"

"No matter how good the new game is, there are some things that it cannot replace from the old version. Not everybody will leave," Xiao Nai says, "Furthermore, Feng Teng promised to keep the game running."

"It's what they say, but there has been other games that shut down even though they said they would run forever."

"I can't guarantee it for long term, but I don't think it would be a problem to keep it running until our kids learn how to play online games."

Wei Wei is dumbstruck, "Kids....."

"Mm," the white robed musician pauses his footsteps and says serenely, "I at least have to bring him here and tell him that this was where we first spoke to each other."

It is then that Wei Wei realizes that they have arrived at [Vermillion Bird](#) Bridge. The willows continue to sway beneath the bridge; the area continues to be a beautiful scenery. The white robed musician still looks the same as the first time she saw him.



The white robed musician says, “Let’s go. We haven’t been sight-seeing for a long time. Let’s go look around.”

Therefore, they ride their white condor and soar through [Celestial Mountains](#) Snow Basins, [West Lake](#) Lake Bottom, Icy Snow Sea, and [Mount Penglai](#).....just like they did on their honeymoon.

They stop at Sunset Summit.

The sunset is gorgeous.

Wei Wei suddenly feels that everything that she has been worrying about the whole day is no longer of importance.

It’s okay if the server shuts down one day.

As long as she remembers when and where he first spoke to her.

As long as she remembers where they went for sight-seeing.

As long as she remembers that they once rode the white condor together and passed through mountains and rivers.....

These memories will not disappear just because its digital form is gone.

Therefore, even when the game is no longer available in the future, there will always be a place in the world—perhaps in my heart, or in both of our hearts, where the white robed musician and the red clothed heroine will stand together side by side.

They’ll watch the never setting sun on Sunset Summit.

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# A Slight Smile is Very Charming (微微一笑很倾城) : Part 48 (Final)

## Part 48: Ending

It's another year in June.

The summer seems to have come a lot sooner this year. It was already starting to feel warm in May, and now it feels like a hot summer in June. Er Xi, who's helping Wei Wei to carry her bamboo mat (*cool mat*), thumps her footsteps up the stairs while complaining, "Wei Wei, isn't this supposed to be a high end condo? How can the elevators be out of service?"

"What high end? More like high priced," Wei Wei is also out of energy; she is carrying even more stuff than Er Xi. She's holding two bags full of stuff in her hands and two pillows under her arms.

Xiao Ling and Si Si are following behind them with fewer things to carry; one of them is carrying a tea set and the other is carrying a big vase.....

These are all things that Wei Wei has just bought at the supermarket.....

They were originally only going out for dinner, but after hearing that Wei Wei got her wedding gown today, Xiao Ling and the rest insisted on seeing it. Therefore, Wei Wei deliberately took them to the supermarket to pick up a bunch of things and got them to help carry them to her place >o<

Xiao Ling asks out of breath, "How much farther do we have to go?"

"Haven't you been here before?"

"But I'm already feeling dizzy from climbing all the stairs."

Wei Wei wipes her sweat with the back of her hand, "We'll be there in no time, just two more floors."

"There are still two more floors?!~~~" Si Si wails.

They finish climbing the two floors with much difficulty. As soon as Wei Wei opens the door, Xiao Ling and the others immediately roll themselves onto the

sofa. Er Xi lies flat on it and gazes around the apartment. She suddenly asks out of the whim, “Wei Wei, when I find my man, I’ll have your Great Master design my home.”

“Me too! I like the style of your place,” Xiao Ling adds. It’s not the first time that she and Er Xi have been here, but she always has to give her compliments every time.

Wei Wei responds while making tea, “I also took part in designing, so why aren’t you guys asking me instead?”

“Pshhh.....All the bad parts are your designs.”

Wei Wei feels depressed. Why do things always turn out this way? She designed the place with the Great Master together, but everyone praises the Great Master for the work.

Sigh~~~ When will she shine under the blinding radiance of the Great Master?

Si Si didn’t get a chance to visit the last two times, so it’s her first time here. During the conversation between the others, she has already taken a look around the place.

This high level apartment is located at Ming Wei Garden. It was given to them last year autumn as an engagement gift from the Great Master’s parents.

Speaking of which, Wei Wei has never believed that parents are obligated to buy homes for their children, but since it is a gift from his parents out of kindness, she is not so hypocritical as to decline it. However, if his parents still have to live in the old apartment assigned by the school, that’s a different story.

Wei Wei did feel a little guilty when she got the apartment. After all, the Great Master doesn’t split a single penny of his company’s earnings to his parents. Thus, it puzzled Wei Wei that the Great Master let his parents purchase them an apartment when he had the money to do so himself. Although they only gave them the down payment, it was still over a hundred thousand. For a professor in the history or the archaeology department, which doesn’t bring much extra earnings, a hundred thousand must have been most of their savings.

Moreover, it wasn’t like they had to buy a new apartment. Xiao Nai’s old place wasn’t bad.

Xiao Nai was a little helpless after understanding how she felt. He explained, “They are used to living at the school because my grandpa used to live there. My dad was my grandpa’s student, and that apartment was where they first met.”

Xiao Nai said with a chuckle, “Furthermore, my mom and dad aren’t that poor.”

Later when Xiao Nai’s mom, Professor Lin, found out about this, she liked Wei Wei even more. Receiving appreciation for your kindness is one of the most satisfying feelings. Feeling delighted, Professor Lin reminded Mr. Xiao not to complain about being short on budget for his archaeological expeditions when he is in front of their soon-to-be daughter in-law, making her think that they’re “short on money.” She spoke as she flipped through her things, already planning to send more gifts.

Therefore, the night before the wedding, Wei Wei received a suet white jade bracelet that was supposedly passed on in the family. This was when Wei Wei finally believed what the Great Master said. As a prestigious family who delve in literary works, others may mistake them for being poor, but for all we know, a calligraphy painting that is hung casually on the wall could be a priceless masterpiece from a famous artist.

The suet white jade bracelet made Wei Wei very nervous. There is a price for gold, but not for jade, especially for suet white jade. Although the Great Master’s mom said that it was only of fair quality, Wei Wei was still afraid of breaking the bracelet, so she was determined to only wear it once during the wedding and never again afterwards.

After taking a rest for long enough, Xiao Ling rushes Wei Wei, “Hurry and take out the wedding gown.”

“Go to my bedroom to see it. I can’t carry it.”

Wei Wei and Xiao Nai’s wedding will be in Chinese style, so their wedding clothes are of the traditional kind. Six to seven big boxes contain the pearly shining silver-gilt wedding coronet ([Fengguan](#)), the exceptionally luxuriant [daixiushan](#), and the exquisitely beautiful pair of embroidered shoes. The entire wardrobe is modeled after the wedding gown from Dream Voyage 2.

Si Si picks up the wedding coronet carefully, “This is so pretty. I thought it

would be as heavy as the ones that are like a hat. I don't like those ones."

"The ones that go on like a hat are pretty too, but they're just too heavy," Wei Wei says.

Er Xi brushes her hands across the beads, "How much did this cost?"

Wei Wei says an amount that causes Er Xi to be in rage, "Oh my God! You're wearing a bathroom on your head!"

".....Can't you compare it to something nicer ==" Wei Wei says feeling a little offended, but then tries to explain, "The Great Master said it won't degrade in value, so it doesn't count as spending money....."

Xiao Ling also helps her out, "I'm already wearing over ten bathrooms on my arm and Wei Wei is only wearing one, so it's okay."

Er Xi is squatting by the bedside staring at the wedding coronet in Si Si's hands, "Even if it doesn't degrade in value, it's not like it'll lay eggs! Is it worth it?!"

"Oh, as long as Wei Wei can lay eggs (*have babies*) then that's fine."

For some reason, an image appears in Wei Wei's mind— a round and smooth white egg suddenly cracks, and a chubby and pasty baby staggeringly crawls out with the top of the egg shell on its head. It looks at her with sparkling black eyes while opening its soft and pink little pair of lips.....

Wei Wei immediately halts her thoughts before the baby calls out; she repeats in her heart a hundred times: I was born through viviparity, I was born through viviparity.....

"Hey, I like this clothing," Xiao Ling says as she strokes the wedding gown while almost drooling over it, "Why did we have to copy Westerners and start wearing white wedding dresses? Our traditional wedding coronets and gowns are so much prettier."

"Yeah," Er Xi says, "When I was little, I envied the clothes in WuXia (*martial arts*) films, so I often took my bed's flat sheets and wore them like the clothes in them."

"Wei Wei, put it on for us to see."

"I don't know how to wear it....."

Everyone looks at her with disdain. Wei Wei fires back, “Do you guys know how to?”

The three girls look at the gown and all the strings around the waist area; they stare at each other, and Si Si immediately changes the topic and sighs, “Oh, I can’t believe you two are getting married.”

Er Xi adds, “Yeah, do you guys have to be in such a hurry to get married right after graduating? It’s not like you’re pregnant.”

Since Wei Wei has gotten teased enough by YuGong and the others, she isn’t affected by what Er Xi said at all and replies instead, “I’m afraid that if I postpone it, you guys will run away and I won’t be able to collect your red pockets.”

Xiao Ling thinks it’s rather unbelievable, “Wei Wei, you agreed to marry him just like that? Why not make him wait another two years?”

Si Si says mischievously, “How are you so sure that it’s the Great Master who’s in a hurry? Maybe it’s our Wei Wei who’s anxious to tie the knot.”

Xiao Ling is enlightened, “Oh yeah! How come I didn’t think of it that way? Wei Wei, don’t tell me, were you the one who proposed?”

Wei Wei is struck dumb, “Of course not.”

Er Xi presses further excitedly, “How did the Great Master propose to you then? Were there flowers? Ring? Did he bend down on one knee?”

“.....Er Xi, even the TV dramas nowadays are not that old fashioned.”

“Hurry, and tell us!” Er Xi nudges her.

“Uh, you know how I’ve been working as an intern at his company for the past two years? I’ve never once gotten paid, so one day, I finally remembered to ask him about it, and then he said.....”

Wei Wei’s face is flushed with embarrassment.

Er Xi’s and Si Si’s eyes are fixed to her anxiously waiting to hear what happened next.

“He said.....if you want money, I’ve got none. I can only give you myself.”

Er Xi is flabbergasted, “Your Great Master is indeed scheming as usual.”

It's almost 9pm when Xiao Ling and the rest have finished looking at and touching each piece of clothing, shoe, and accessory. It'll be too late if they don't head back now. Thus, Wei Wei walks them to the bus stop. But before they make it out of the entrance of the residential area, a black sedan slowly stops beside them.

The car door swings open, and a handsome figure comes out of it.

"Senior," Xiao Ling and the others call out.

Xiao Nai nods to them, "You're all here."

Under the streetlamp, Xiao Nai looks even more dignified and elegant after two years since they've seen him. And in these two years, he has become a legend among the junior classmates even though he has already graduated. Although Xiao Ling and the others are very outspoken in front of Wei Wei, they immediately become well-mannered whenever they see him.

Si Si says, "We're just leaving. We won't bother you, Senior."

Er Xi tries to hold it in, but couldn't. She asks with a wicked smile, "Senior, would you please let Wei Wei stay over at our place today?"

Wei Wei is speechless. She gives Er Xi a glare. Would she need his approval if she wanted to go stay over at their place?!

Xiao Nai glances at Wei Wei and replies with a smile, "I'm afraid not today."

He could have avoided the question completely, yet he answered it in such a serious manner. Therefore, Wei Wei turns to glare at him in frustration. Xiao Nai pretends that he doesn't see it, and says to Er Xi courteously and with good demeanor, "It's very late. I'll drive you guys back."

Xiao Nai is off to drive Wei Wei's friends back to the dorm, so she goes back home to tidy up the things lying on top of her bed. She suddenly thinks of something while putting the things away, so she stops. Now that she thinks about it, there is one time that can be considered as a marriage proposal.

They were lying on the bed that night after finishing their business hastily again. He hugged her in silence for a brief moment, and then suddenly asked by her ear, "When will you let me graduate?"

“Huh?” she didn’t understand, “What are you graduating from?”

He answered, “Haven’t I already been in the automatic control course for two years now?”

After dating Xiao Nai for so long, Wei Wei’s comprehension skills have already surpassed that of an average person, therefore, she quickly processes and interprets his words.

Automatic control course.....

Self-moving control course.....

Self-control.....

At this point, Wei Wei’s face is as red as the wedding gown in her hands. They started living together at the beginning of school this year; there’s probably no one that would believe that till this day, they still haven’t gone to the very last step.

She carefully puts the wedding gown back into the box. The corner of the shawl is a little dirty from being draped on the floor by Er Xi just now. Wei Wei takes it to the bathroom and washes it with some water. Her body feels a little sticky after doing all the cleanup, so she takes a shower. She has been too immersed in her thoughts, so it’s not until she comes out of the shower that she realizes she has forgotten to bring some clothes to change into.

Although no one else is home and the curtains are closed, Wei Wei still doesn’t have the courage to dash to the bedroom without any clothes on. There’s no helping it. She’ll just have to wrap herself with the shawl. Even though it’s thin and transparent, it’s still better than not wearing anything.

Wei Wei pulls the bathroom door open and walks quickly towards the bedroom. But when the bedroom is just a few steps away, she hears a click followed by the sound of the door opening. Wei Wei’s body is frozen.

How come he’s back so soon?

He clearly wasn’t expecting to see this when he opened the door, so his fingers are still resting on the door handle.

Wei Wei holds the piece of the clothing against herself more tightly out of



reflex. Thank goodness she didn't decide to walk out without wearing anything at all just now. But she doesn't realize that seeing her damp hair resting loosely, her wet body half covered by the shawl, her pearly wrists exposed by the large sleeves, and her long legs and small waist slightly visible from the transparent garment is ten times more seductive than not wearing anything.

"Our wedding clothes are here?" Xiao Nai closes the door slowly.

"Mm, they were delivered in the afternoon," Wei Wei answers, feeling a need to explain why she's standing here wearing this, "I.....I was taking a shower just now but forgot to bring my clothes. This was dirty and was in the bathroom....."

"Dirty? Where?"

"Uh, the bottom part of it. It's already....." Wei Wei lowers her head subconsciously to look at the bottom part of it. Before she finishes talking, she is already lifted up off her feet. She can't believe he has already made his way to her and is carrying her to the bedroom.

"Put it on for me to see."

".....I don't know how to."

"I'll teach you."

He pulls her fingers away from the shawl, and the shawl slides down from her shoulders. She's sitting on his lap with only a thin layer separating them. Wei Wei tilts her head and buries it between his neck and shoulder as she doesn't dare to look at him.

He is really going to teach her. Slowly and patiently, he puts each piece of clothing on her one by one, and explains each part of it in detail; the under layer, the top, the skirt, the waistband, and the shawl.....His burning fingers come into contact with her skin. Wei Wei lets him do all the work; she raises her arms or stands up when he tells her to. He sits her on his lap again; he cups her feet and helps her put on the embroidered shoes.

She is now completely dressed in her wedding clothes. Her long and slender legs bend slightly down from sitting on his lap, and her cheeks are blushing. He stares at her, and then suddenly grabs her waist with force. He lifts her up and puts her down on the bed.

The wedding gown is like fire, her black hair like a silky waterfall, and her skin is as smooth as jade. Wei Wei watches him nervously. His arms are stretched up on each side of her head to hold him up, pressing down on some of her hair strands. His eyes are gazing deep into hers, but he doesn't make a move. Wei Wei can't stand him staring at her anymore and turns her head to the side.

But in the next second, he locks her lips and kisses her aggressively.

He presses his body down on her as he kisses her passionately. Out of all the other times that he has kissed her, this is the most wild and wantoning. It's as if he has finally reached the end of his patience and has thrown away all of his worries. Wei Wei is out of breath from his kissing, so she has no choice but to follow his rhythm in swallowing and breathing. She can feel that her wedding gown is being pulled apart. She can feel him sucking on the side of her neck, and can feel a bit of pain from his pinching. She feels his kiss making their way down.....the temperature in the room is rising, and her mind is in a mess as she groans lightly. She suddenly feels her waist exposed; her skirt has been lift up.

He suddenly stops.

But it doesn't make Wei Wei ease up. They usually stop at this point in the past.....or use another way, but, but.....Wei Wei looks at him with her blurry vision.

His clothes are already in a mess with his well-built chest exposed. He's breathing quickly, and his blazing eyes are fixed on her. As if in slow-motion, he grasps her hand and leads it to his belt.

Wei Wei understands what he wants from his action. Her heart is beating uncontrollably, and her body is so tense that even her fingertips are shaking.

"Wei Wei, don't be nervous."

He presses her to move on while sealing her lips at the same time; showing his patience yet continuing to tempt her with his gentle kiss.

His kiss moves down gradually. He sucks on her earlobe and murmurs, "Wei Wei, I can't wait anymore."

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On the next day, Wei Wei's biological clock wakes her up even though she is exhausted. The sky is fully lit with the sun shining through the thick curtains.

She is laying on top of her wedding gown, which is now in a mess, and a set of arms is wrapped around her waist, embracing her from behind. He notices her waking up right away from her slightest movement; he moves closer, breathing against her.

"Wei Wei," his usual crisp voice is a little raspy. She seems to have responded to him absent-mindedly. He pecks on the back of her neck and then her back, and then.....

It's almost noon when she wakes up again.

Wei Wei can feel dampness when she opens her eyes; he has a towel and is wiping her body lightly with it. Wei Wei wants to hide from embarrassment, but she soon discovers that her waist is completely sore the moment she tries to move. She doesn't even have the strength to budge.

Xiao Nai hovers over her, "I'll carry you to the shower?"

Wei Wei shakes her head.

"Does it hurt?"

Wei Wei shakes her head again. She stares at him, raises her arms, and hugs him by the neck.

She just wants to lean on him right now.

Wei Wei doesn't regret doing this before getting married, but the consequences sure give her a headache.

One of them being her wedding gown ==

Because.....therefore.....anyhow, after that night, her wedding gown.....is a complete disaster.....not only is it all in wrinkles, there are also many.....spots. The wedding gown is made of expensive silk fabric. Fabric like these are very hard to take care of, so Wei Wei has no clue on how to wash it, but it's not like they can give it to the dry cleaner. Therefore, under Wei Wei's furiousness, this task has been delegated to the one who caused it.

As a result, Xiao Nai has to find time between his busy schedules to research

on how to wash the gown.

Another consequence is.....sigh.....

Wei Wei now realizes that doing it a month before the wedding is a very bad idea. Either you should venture off early on so that he won't get too worked up before the wedding, or wait until after the wedding.

During their busiest time, she now also has to deal with the requests of a certain someone who says he's already very self-restrained. She's definitely feeling drained out of energy.

June is indeed a busy month.

Everything seems to be coming at the same time. She's graduating, they have to prepare for their wedding, Dream Voyage 2's latest promotional video is releasing, and the Great Master's company is moving offices.

After receiving a phone call at night, Xiao Nai takes Wei Wei out.

"Where are we going?"

"I'll tell you when we're there."

They stroll together on the streets, and they eventually arrive at the Ji Zhi (*Ultimately Devoted*) internet cafe. In front of its closed doors, Wei Wei watches Xiao Nai take out the key, open the door, go inside and flip on the lights.

Under the bright lights, hundreds of computers sit quietly in rows and rows of tables inside the cafe.

"All these computers will be taken out tomorrow."

"Huh? Your uncle is not running the cafe anymore?"

Wei Wei knows that this internet cafe was started by Xiao Nai and his (*maternal*) uncle from a long time ago. Now that owning a computer has become common, their business has dropped a lot, but his uncle is nostalgic, so he insists on running the cafe. Speaking of which, this was where the Great Master first saw her.

Xiao Nai nods, "Zhi Yi will be moving here. I've already bought the other half of the ownership."

After a moment of shock, Wei Wei starts to assess the internet cafe. She says in satisfaction, “Mm, it’s better to have your own office.”

Xiao Nai smiles and walks further inside with her, discussing about how to decorate the place, where the meeting rooms should be, and where the desks should go.....He suddenly stops in front of an area. He looks to a place and says, “You were sitting there when I first saw you.”

Wei Wei looks towards where his eyes are on. It’s a seat across from the stairs. Wei Wei has long forgotten that she had once sat in it.

“Hehheh, you fell in love with me at first sight, didn’t you?” Wei Wei teases, “And I’ve found out that you’re actually a perverted wolf.”

Xiao Nai raises his eyebrows.

“You have a problem with that?”

“No, but I don’t think that quite captures it,” Xiao Nai says leisurely, “I should at least be called a hungry perverted wolf.”

Someone has indeed been starving and fierce.....

Wei Wei retorts, “.....You’re not ashamed and you’re actually proud of it?!”

Xiao Nai says as a matter of fact, “As a perverted wolf who is loyal in taste, it would be more shameful to not be hungry.”

“.....I’m going upstairs to look around.”

Wei Wei has tragically become the subject of teasing despite she was the one who teased him first. Since she can’t beat him, she might as well escape by running upstairs.

As Xiao Nai watch her disappear from the staircase, the corners of his mouth raises slightly.

How did he feel when he first saw her?

It’s been too long ago, so he can’t remember clearly. However, he remembers he had no interest in meeting her in the beginning even when they got married in the game.

One time, he came to the internet cafe simply due to business, but the sight of

her was a surprise.

Through his eyes he saw a girl controlling her keystrokes and mouse beautifully. It immediately captured his attention, so he watched her for a bit longer. He watched her dictate a guild battle smoothly and won perfectly despite her team was weaker than the opposing party.

At first, he was only focused on the computer screen and her fingers dancing on the keyboard. It was not until the battle was over that he shifted his gaze to her face.

The side profile of her pretty face came into view, and she actually looked quite familiar.

Thanks to his great memory, her name quickly surfaced to his mind.

Bei Wei Wei.

The Bei Wei Wei who made all the guys excited just from seeing her walk pass them from afar.

Then there was another coincidence.

It had been a long time since he logged into Dream Voyage of Rivers and Lakes. He was online gathering some information on Dream Voyage when he saw her name appear on the world channel.

She was called ReedWeiWei this time.

Her name was easy to remember, so after watching her fight in the guild battle at the internet cafe, he memorized it. A refreshing name, but it also showed how lazy the owner was in coming up with it.

She's actually divorced? And she wants to steal the groom?

It was rare for Xiao Nai to be interested in the commotion. He arrived at the [Vermillion Bird](#) Bridge alone, watching the red silhouette be surrounded by onlookers.

Is she really going to steal the groom?

Xiao Nai watched from a distant, but he subconsciously felt that it seemed more like she was going to slash that heartless man with her big saber than

anything else. And in the end when she sat down and started selling medicine, everyone was dumbstruck. Xiao Nai was laughing out loud in front of his computer.

He suddenly felt a need to help her.

He didn't know where this impulsive thought came from, but it was definitely not an outcome from any rational reasoning. He had never felt this way with anyone before, yet the feeling was strong.

How could he let his junior classmate be dumped by someone? How could he let her feel depressed?

Therefore, he proposed.

Therefore, the grand and extravagant wedding happened.

He was not a hundred percent confident that she would accept his marriage proposal, but the moment she said "yes," a hint of romance grew in his heart.

"This must be where your office is going to be, right?"

Wei Wei asks but doesn't hear Xiao Nai respond after a long while, so she runs back downstairs again. She can't believe he's actually still standing at the same spot, "What are you doing?"

"Thinking about your question just now," Xiao Nai raises his head to look at her.

"Hm?" What did she ask him just now?

Xiao Nai smiles slightly, "I was thinking, if I knew, I should have fallen in love with you at first sight."

If I knew that I would love you so much one day.

I would definitely fall in love with you at first sight.

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